

Walking by the Spirit

Galatians 5:16-26

Context: in the book of Galatians, Paul is dealing with legalism in the lives of new Christians. In chapter 5 of his letter, he contrasts living by the flesh, to living by the spirit.

Walking by the Spirit will require you to...

A. _____ **the works of the Flesh (vs. 16-21)**

1. Works of the flesh means actions flowing out of fallen human nature and its desires. Apart from the transforming work of the Holy Spirit, these are the actions toward which sinful humans instinctively gravitate. (ESV Study Bible)
2. Paul's list, which is not exhaustive, encompasses 3 areas of human life: sex, religion, and human relationships. (John MacArthur)

B. _____ **to the fruit of the Spirit (vs. 22-24)**

1. The singular *fruit* denotes that the fruit of the Spirit is an indivisible whole possessed in varying degrees by every believer. (Joel Beeke)
2. Only through the Spirit can believers obtain victory over the flesh. Whether one lives under the influence of the flesh or the Spirit, their life will demonstrate that reigning power. (Al Mohler)

C. _____ **in step with the Spirit (vs. 25-26)**

1. The exhortation to keep in step with the Spirit reminds believers that there is still a battle with the flesh and that they must continue to walk and be led by the Spirit. (Al Mohler)
2. **Keep in step.** A different verb than in v. 16, meaning "walk in line behind a leader" (Gk. *stoicheō*). (ESV Study Bible)