

The Fruit of the Spirit

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17 For the flesh desires what is against the Spirit, and the Spirit desires what is against the flesh; these are opposed to each other, so that you don't do what you want.

18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.



19 Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, moral impurity, promiscuity,
20 idolatry, sorcery, hatreds, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambitions, dissensions, factions,
21 envy, drunkenness, carousing, and anything similar, about which I tell you in advance – as I told you before – that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.



22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love,
joy, peace, patience, kindness,
goodness, faith,

23 gentleness, self-control. Against
such things there is no law.

24 Now those who belong to Christ
Jesus have crucified the flesh with
its passions and desires.

25 If we live by the Spirit, we must
also follow the Spirit.

It's An Inside Job

- 1:15-16 "But when God, who from my mother's womb set me apart and called me by His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son in me..."
- 4:19 "My children, again I am in the pains of childbirth for you until Christ is formed in you."



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- Transformation not transaction
- Inward not outward
- Spiritual not mechanical



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Enabled for a Future Look

- 5:5 “For by the Spirit we eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness from faith. ”





To Avoid Sin, Focus on Staying in Line With the Spirit

- 5:16-17 "I say then, walk by the Spirit and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is against the Spirit, and the Spirit desires what is against the flesh; these are opposed to each other, so that you don't do what you want."



The Spirit's Indwelling Renders Rules Obsolete

- 5:18 “But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.”



Character Naturally Flows From the Spirit

- 5:22-23 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness, self-control. Against such things there is no law. "



Aligning Our Lives With the Spirit

- 5:25 “If we live by the Spirit, we must also follow the Spirit.”
- Follow = to line up and march in formation



