

PAUL'S EPISTLE TO THE

GALATIANS

I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells;
for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I
do not find . . . I delight in the law of God according to the
inward man. But I see another law in my members, warring
against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the
law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am!
Who will deliver me from this body of death? - *Romans 7:13-25*

Without the Spirit of God, we cannot live for the Lord as we ought to live. Just as salvation is a divine work, so also is sanctification. Our responsibility is to walk in the Spirit.

In Step with the Holy Spirit

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- III. The Contrast to Observe (19-23)
 - A. The Fruit of the Flesh (19-21)

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God. - *1 Corinthians 6:9-10*



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 - B. Walk in the Spirit (25)

The God-honoring quality of life is always the divine objective in the believer's daily life. Its realization is never by a human resolution or the struggle or the resources of the flesh: it is by "fighting the good fight of faith." [But] there is a wide difference between "fighting" to do what God alone can do, and "fighting" to maintain an attitude of dependence on Him to do what He alone can do. The child of God has an all-engaging responsibility of continuing in an attitude of reliance upon the Spirit. This is the point of his constant attention.

This is his divinely appointed task and place of co-operation in the mighty undertakings of God. The locomotive engineer will accomplish little when pushing his ponderous train. He is not appointed to such a service. His real usefulness will begin when he takes his place at the throttle. The important conflict in the believer's life is to maintain the unbroken attitude of reliance upon the Spirit. Thus, and only thus, can the Spirit possess and vitalize every human faculty, emotion and choice.

- Lewis Sperry Chafer

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