

01 December 2024 – Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group
“The Spirit Leads Us to Carry Out the Law’s Intention,” Part 2-- Galatians 5:13-26

Questions to Answer from the Text:

1. How does a Christian prevent carrying out the desires of the flesh (v. 16)?
2. How do the Spirit and the flesh get along with each other (v. 17)?
3. What is the Law’s role in suppressing fleshly desires in the believer (v. 18)?
4. What are some actions by which you can identify the works of the flesh (vv. 19-21)?
5. What might be some other works of the flesh that Paul does not list?
6. What are evidences of the work of the Spirit (vv. 22-23)?
7. What might be other fruit produced by the Spirit that Paul does not list?
8. What has taken place for those who belong to Christ Jesus (v. 24)?
9. Because a Christian has life in and through the Spirit, what follows as his/her responsibility because of this (v. 25)?
10. What are Christians who live in the Spirit NOT to do toward one another (v. 26)?

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

11. Because a Christian has the Spirit of God dwelling within, does this mean the Law no longer plays a role in the believer’s life? Why or why not?
12. What vice in the list Paul enumerates in verses 19-21 would not have been included in a first-century unbeliever?
13. How has “walking by,” “being led by,” “living by,” and “keeping in step with” the Spirit been viewed by “higher Christian life” type of theology?
14. Is “walking by the Spirit” something ordinary or extraordinary in the life of the believer?
15. Why is separating the “indicative” of verse 24 from the “imperatives” of verses 16 and 25 problematic?
16. Does “walking by the Spirit” mean the Christian achieves perfection and no longer falls into sin in this life? Why or why not?
17. How is the Spirit’s leading superior to the work of the Law?
18. Do you ever grow discouraged by the battle that takes place between the flesh and the Spirit in your life? How might you take encouragement from this?
19. What particular work, or works, of the flesh is/are a constant battle in your life?
20. How do both the work of the Law and the works of the flesh lead Christians to be arrogant and envious toward one another?