

Live By The Spirit  
Galatians 5:16-18  
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We are to live the Christian life by the power of the Holy Spirit.

I. The Order

*Galatians 5:16*

A. Walk by the Spirit.

*Romans 8:9*      *1 Corinthians 6:19*

At any given point in time we are either walking by the spirit or by the flesh.

B. “Walk” – metaphor for ‘life’.

1. Walking implies advancing toward Christ-likeness.
2. Walking implies “slow and steady” progress.
3. This is to be an ongoing continuous lifestyle.
4. This is to all of us - plural.

## II. The Outcome

### *Galatians 5:16*

- A. “Not” is emphatic.
- B.
- C. “Flesh” refers to that remaining sin.
  1. Legalism tries to suppress these desires by external legislation.

2. Legalism tries to live the Christian life by the flesh.

### III. The Opposition

*Galatians 5:17*

- A. Living by the Spirit is not without **opposition**.
- B.
- C. The flesh is at war with the Spirit.

### IV. The Option

*Galatians 5:18*

- A. It is the **flesh** that seeks to keep the law.
- B.
- C. What does it mean to be led by the spirit?

It is being led by the spirit into holiness and Christ-likeness.

“But it is we who tread every step of the way, our limbs that grow weary with the labor, our hearts that faint, our courage that fails—our faith that revives our sinking strength, our hope that instills new courage into our souls—as we toil on over the steep ascent.” – B.B. Warfield

*Romans 8:12-14*

V. Conclusion:

- A. Let us remember God has put his Spirit in us.
- B. Let us recognize our own weakness.
- C. Let us call upon God to fill us with his Spirit.