

Don't Be Conceited  
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*Galatians 5:25-26*

I. Let us walk by the Spirit

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A. If we live

B. Walk

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1. Walk = is literally to walk in line, to follow in someone's footsteps.
2. Notice that **walk** is in the **present tense** which points to continual and habitual action in the believer's life.

## II. Let us not be conceited

### *Galatians 5:26*

A. **Conceited-** from **kenos** = empty or vain + **doxa** = glory or praise.

1. It is an adjective which refers literally to empty glory (glorying without reason, glory without basis).

Love of vainglory is a common vice the whole world through, in all conditions. No village so small but there be one or two peasants therein, that will fain be taken for wiser and better than the rest. It is so pleasant to be pointed at with the finger and hear it said: "See, there is a man that is fit for anything!" This vice is common, yet nowhere does it such harm as to those who fulfill a spiritual function and service in the Church.  
- **Martin Luther**

*Philippians 2:3*

2. Arrogance, conceit, self love will be prevalent in the last days.

*2 Timothy 3:1-5*

B. Certainly the application for the Galatians would involve self-righteous pride over law keeping.

C. At the heart of humility is self-forgetfulness.

1. The lust to be served, honored and noticed is nothing less than the **lust to be treated like God**.

2. Self-forgetfulness also means we are liberated to serve others at God's discretion, rather than trying to impress them.

*Galatians 1:10*

### III. Conclusion:

- A. Paul's main idea is this: Allow the fruit of the Spirit to expel the works of the flesh
  
- B. This exhortation is based on the truth that we now have the power to walk in a brand new way.
  
- C. If we are conceited, we are not living like those who have been crucified with Christ and who are keeping in step with the Spirit.