

Introduction:

Today we will continue looking at *the empowering Spirit*.

Things we will look at in this lesson: Life in the Spirit

Life in the Spirit: Freedom From The Sinful Nature's Control:

01. While the sinful nature dominates the unsaved, what controls the saved?

02. What is another way to translate the word “live”?

03. What do those who live in accordance with the Spirit find?

04. What does the “sinful nature” refer to?

05. What do those controlled by the Spirit seek to do?

06. What did the Corinthian believers illustrate?

07. What does an encounter with Christ lead to?

08. What does Paul tell us that we are obligated to reject?

09. What is Paul referring to when he speaks of “deeds” in Romans 8:13?

10. Why does God give us His Spirit?

Life in the Spirit: Freedom As A Child Of God:

11. What are those who have put their trust in Jesus Christ as Savior called?

12. Why does Paul use the concept of adoption?

13. What should our conduct give evidence of?

14. What did the Law impart?

Article 1) Led by the Spirit:

For all those led by God's Spirit are God's sons. (Romans 8:14).

The Holy Spirit lives within a true child of God in order to lead him or her to think, speak and act according to the principles, standards and examples of God's Word. He leads mainly by inner promptings (i.e., urges, motivations and inspirations within one's spirit) that are aimed at guiding the Christian in daily life.

These inner promptings:

- (a) help us follow and accomplish God's purposes and overcome the sinful nature (Romans 8:13; Philippians 2:13; Titus 2:11-12);

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- (b) are always in agreement with God's written Word (1 Corinthians 2:12-13; 2 Peter 1:20-21);
- (c) are present to give direction in life (Luke 4:1; Acts 10:19-20; 16:6-7);
- (d) are opposed to sinful desires (Galatians 5:17-18; 2 Peter 2:11);
- (e) are concerned with the guilt of sin, Christ's standard of right and wrong and God's judgment against evil (John 16:8-11);
- (f) encourage believers to remain devoted to Christ and warn them not to fall away from personal faith in him (Romans 8:13; Hebrews 3:7-14);
- (g) become weaker the longer they are resisted and disobeyed (Romans 1:28; Ephesians 4:17-19, 30-31; 1 Thessalonians 5:19);
- (h) result in spiritual death when rejected (Romans 8:6,13);
- (i) result in spiritual life and peace when obeyed (Romans 8:6, 10-11, 13; Galatians 5:22-23).

The Spirit's promptings come by:

- (a) reading God's Word (John 14:26; 15:7, 26; 16:13; 2 Timothy 3:16-17);
- (b) praying sincerely and consistently (Romans 8:26; Acts 13:2-3);
- (c) listening to godly preaching and teaching (2 Timothy 4:1-2; Hebrews 13:17);
- (d) exercising the gifts of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:7-10; 14:6);
- (e) listening to the advice of godly parents, fellow Christians, and trustworthy spiritual leaders (Proverbs 1:8-9; 6:20-22; Ephesians 6:1; Colossians 3:20; Proverbs 27:17; Hebrews 3:13; Galatians 6:1-2; Hebrews 13:7, 17; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13).