Providing Resources for Rethinking & Implementing Biblical Principles and Practices



Insight to Galatians 5:16-25 Walking with the Spirit Being Led by the Spirit

(CRITICAL CONCEPT #2)



WALKING WITH THE SPIRIT Galatians 5:16-25

16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

17 For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.

18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law.

19 Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality,

20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of <u>anger, disputes, dissensions, factions</u>,

21 envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

24 Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

NASB



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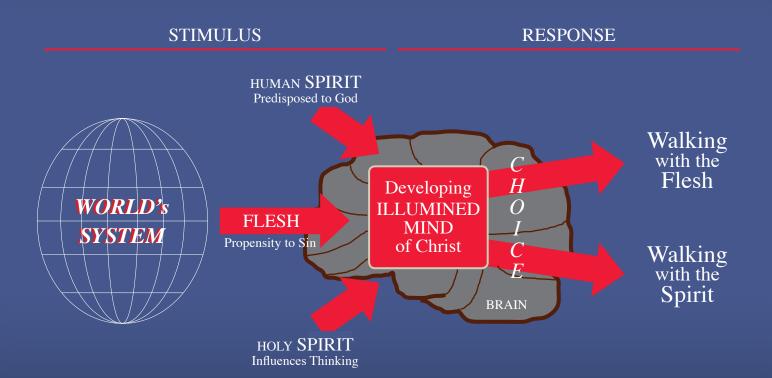
CONFLECTING OPTIONS Galatians 5:16-18

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But I say,
16
    (you) walk with the Spirit
                                                                          Command
    you will not carry out the flesh's desire.
                                                                           Promise
17
           For
          the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit,
                                                                            Conflict
              and
          the Spirit sets its desire against the flesh;
               those are in opposition to one another,
                                                                            Result
                    so that
                  you may not do the things that you please.
18
        But
    If you are being led by the Spirit,
                                                                           If-Then
           you are not under the Law.
                                                                          Statement
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World's Ways God's Ways WALKING with the SPIRIT WALKING with Sinful FLESH

DECISION-MAKING PROCESS BELIEVER





CONFLECTING OPTIONS Galatians 5:16-18

But I say, 16 (you) walk with the Spirit Command you will not carry out the flesh's desire. Promise 17 For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, Conflict and the Spirit sets its desire against the flesh; for those are in opposition to one another, so that Result you may not do the things that you please. 18 But If you are being led by the Spirit, If-Then you are not under the Law. Statement



GRAMMATICAL CONSTRUCTION Galatians 5:18

(BELIEVERS) BEING LED BY THE SPIRIT

Subject Verb
(2nd pers, pl) (pres, pass, indic)

Agent

(dative)



MISSING ITEM IN THE TEXT
Galatians 5:18

RESULT MANNER AGENT

Led [] Spirit



MANNER ASSUMED FROM THE TEXT Galatians 5:18

RESULT

MANNER

AGENT

Led

with the Word

Spirit

PREFERRED INCLUSIVE TRANSLATION
Galatians 5:18

Believers being led [with the Word] by the Spirit



BIBLICAL PRINCIPLE Galatians 5:18

Believers are being led [as they walk with the Word of God] by the Spirit.



CONSEQUENCE OF WALKING WITH SPIRIT Galatians 5:18

PRODUCT OF CHOICES





CONSEQUENCE OF WALKING WITH SPIRIT NOT UNDER LAW Galatians 5:18

"If"—CONDITION

If you are being led by the Spirit,

"Then"—CONSEQUENCE

you are not under the Law.



CONSEQUENCES OF CONFLICT Galatians 5:19-23

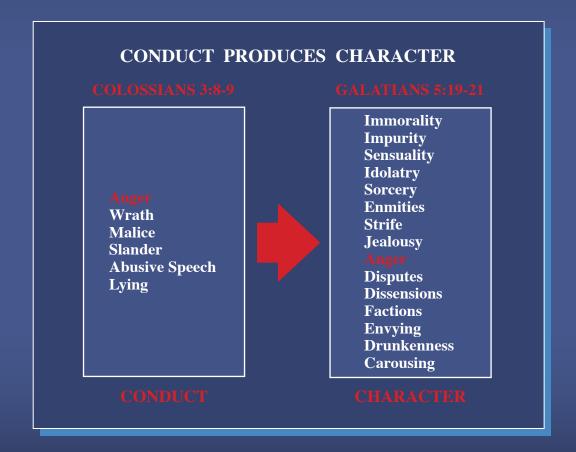
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19
         Now
                                              But
    the
                                                Spirit's fruit is
                                                                           Practice
                     are evident,
                                           the
          which are:
                                                love.
           immorality,
                                                                            Flesh's
                                                joy,
           impurity,
                                                                            Deeds
                                                peace,
           sensuality,
                                                patience,
                                                                          (vv 19-21)
20
           idolatry,
                                                kindness,
                                                goodness,
                                                                            Spirit's
           sorcery,
                                                                             Fruit
           enmities,
                                                faithfulness,
                                                                          (vv 22-23)
           strife,
                                      23
                                                gentleness,
                                                self-control;
           jealousy,
           outbursts of anger,
                                                   against such things
                                                      there is no law.
                                                                           No Law
           disputes,
           dissensions.
           factions.
21
           envying,
           drunkenness,
           carousing,
              and
           things like these,
               of which I forewarn you
                  that those shall not inherit God's kingdom
                                                                          Not Inherit
                         who practice such things.
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DEEDS OF THE FLESH Galatians 5:19-21

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19
        Now
    the
         lesh's deeds are evident,
                                                                           Practice
          which are:
           immorality,
           impurity,
           sensuality,
20
           idolatry,
           sorcery,
           enmities,
           strife,
           jealousy,
           outbursts of anger,
           disputes,
           dissensions,
           factions,
21
           envying,
           drunkenness,
           carousing,
              and
           things like these,
               of which I forewarn you
                                                                         Not Inherit
                  that those shall not inherit God's kingdom
                         who practice such things.
                                                                          Kingdom
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PUTTING OFF DEEDS OF THE FLESH Galatians 5:19-21





ENTER & INHERIT the KINGDOM New Testament

ENTERING THE KINGDOM

BOOK	СН	VS	TEXT	GIFT	REWARD
MATT	5	20	ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN	X^1	
	7	21	ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN	X^1	
	18	3	ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN	X	
	19	23-24	ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN	XX	
MARK	9	47	ENTER THE KINGDOM OF GOD	X	
	10	15	ENTER IT (KINGDOM OF GOD)	X	
		23-25	ENTER THE KINGDOM OF GOD	XXX	
LUKE	18	17	ENTER IT (KINGDOM OF GOD)	X	
		24-25	ENTER THE KINGDOM OF GOD	XX	
JOHN	3	5	ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD	X	
ACTS	14	22	ENTER THE KINGDOM OF GOD	X	

INHERITING THE KINGDOM

BOOK	СН	VS	TEXT	GIFT	REWARD
MATT	25	34	INHERIT THE KINGDOM		X
1 COR	6	9-10	INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD		XX
	15	50	INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD		X
GAL	5	21	INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD		X
EPH	5	5	INHERITANCE (N) IN THE KINGDOM		X

¹ Both texts concern "positional" righteousness through faith in Christ rather than "practical" righteousness as illustrated by Abraham in James 2:21-24 in reference to Genesis 15:6.



To INHERIT New Testament

BOOK	СН	VS	TEXT	GIFT	EARNED
MATT	5	5	INHERIT THE <u>EARTH</u>		X
	19	29	INHERIT ETERNAL <u>LIFE</u> 1		X
	25	34	INHERIT THE <u>KINGDOM</u>		X
MARK	10	17	DO TO INHERIT ETERNAL <u>LIFE</u> ¹		X
LUKE	10	25	DO TO INHERIT ETERNAL <u>LIFE</u> ¹		X
	18	18	DO TO INHERIT ETERNAL <u>LIFE</u> ¹		X
1 COR	6	9-10	INHERIT THE <u>KINGDOM</u> OF GOD		XX
	15	50	INHERIT THE <u>KINGDOM</u> OF GOD		X
GAL	5	21	INHERIT THE <u>KINGDOM</u> OF GOD		X
HEB	1	4	INHERITED A MORE EXCELLENT <u>NAME</u>		X
		14	WHO WILL INHERIT <u>DELIVERANCE</u>		X
	6	12	INHERIT THE <u>PROMISES</u>		X
	12	17	INHERIT THE <u>BLESSING</u>		X
1 PET	3	9	INHERIT A <u>BLESSING</u>		X
REV	21	7	WHO <u>OVERCOMES</u> SHALL INHERIT		X

¹ Questions both by rhe Rich Young Ruler (Mark 10:17; Luke 18:18) and the Lawyer (Luke 10:25) were erroneous, being based on the rabbinical understanding that eternal life (positional righteousness) was obtain by works and therefore earned.



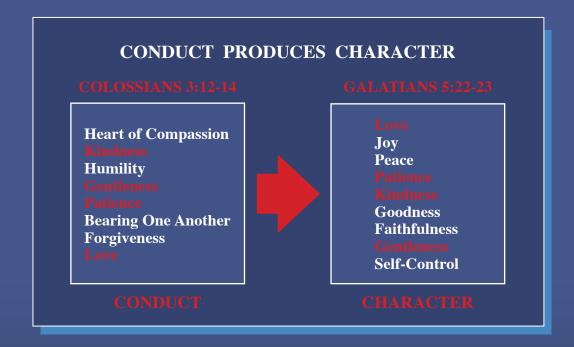
Responding to Peter's question concerning what was the benefit for following Christ (Matt 19:27), Jesus said, "[you] shall inherit eternal life" (v 29), assuring Peter that obedience (practical righteousness) of the already saved, as compared to the RYR, leads to rewards.

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT Galatians 5:22-23

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22
        But
    the Spirit's fruit is
                                                                           Practice
           love,
           joy,
           peace,
           patience,
           kindness,
           goodness,
           faithfulness,
23
           gentleness,
           self-control;
              against such things
                 there is no law.
                                                                           No Law
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PUTTING ON FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT Galatians 5:22-23





LOGICAL RESULT IN PRACTICE Galatians 5:24-25

Now

those have crucified the flesh

who belong to Christ with its passions Standing

and

desires.

25 If we live with the Spirit, then let us also [together] walk with the Spirit.

If-Then
Statement

