

THE HOLY SPIRIT

The leading of the Spirit

Galatians 5:16-26

- Christianity & freedom

The battle of desires (v16-18)

The contrast of lifestyles (v19-23)

- the works of the flesh (v19-21)
- the fruit of the Spirit (v22-23)

The way of victory (v24-26)

- we have crucified the flesh – so we must leave it there
- we have life by the Spirit – so we must walk by the Spirit
 - o we have life by the Spirit (v25)
 - o we are led by the Spirit (v18)
 - o we must walk by the Spirit (v16)
 - o we must keep in step with the Spirit (v25)

Good morning heavenly Father,
good morning Lord Jesus,
good morning Holy Spirit.

Heavenly Father, I worship you as the creator and sustainer of the universe.
Lord Jesus, I worship you, Savior and Lord of the world.
Holy Spirit, I worship you, sanctifier of the people of God. Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Heavenly Father, I pray that I may live this day in your presence and please you more and more.
Lord Jesus, I pray that this day I may take up my cross and follow you.
Holy Spirit, I pray that this day you will fill me with yourself and cause your fruit to ripen in my life: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, three persons in one God, have mercy upon me.
Amen.



Discussion questions

Can you relate to the conflict of desires between the sinful nature and the Spirit? Which type of slavery do you tend most towards – legalism or licence? Is there more action you could be taking to keep on the path of victory and freedom?