

TRAVEL LIGHT

Part 7 | Dancing On The Battle Field

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GALATIANS 5:16-25 ESV

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

Introduction: The release of Nelson Mandela

"As I walked out the door toward the gate that would lead to my freedom, I knew if I didn't leave my bitterness and hatred behind, I'd still be in prison."

Walking in step with The Spirit is a life of leading towards fruitfulness instead of empty desires leading to emptiness.

THE TUG OF WAR OF INFLUENCES. SPIRIT VS. FLESH

VS. 17 *For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other*

Works of the flesh (Ergo)

- *List of "works" = VS. 19-21*
- *All of these are antagonistic towards others and demonstrate "distrust" in God's ability to be enough*

Fruit of the Spirit (Reproducing)

- *Overflow, multiplying, able to feed others, nourishing*
- *VS. 23 "against such things there is no law"*
- *All of these are about "serving on another"*
 - VS. 13-14 "But through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word."*
- *All of the fruit comes from a "confidence" and "fulfillment" in God as ENOUGH*

WHAT DO WE DO WITH ALL OF THIS BAGGAGE?

RADIANT CHURCH | PASTOR LEE CUMMINGS

- *Take "It" to the Cross & Crucify It!*
VS. 24 *"And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires"*
 - *Learn to "Dance"*
VS. 25 *"If we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."*
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COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Can you identify a work of the flesh that shows itself in your life?
2. Do you feel you make your choices from a place of knowing God is enough? If not - discuss how you can change those habits.
3. What can you do to keep in step with the Spirit this week?