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## **Walking by the Spirit**

### **Matthew 4 v 1**

*Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.*

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit even into the wilderness. We often oppose the will of the Spirit. Jesus knew and used His whole armour; we often forget or don't bother to. That is, we should be praying in the Spirit at all times and more so in difficult times.

### **Romans 8 v 12 -14**

*So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh - for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.*

### **Galatians 4 v 31**

*So then, brethren, we are not children of a bondwoman, but of a free woman.*

### **Galatians 5 v 1**

*It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.*

If we have been set free we should strive to remain free and what is it that we have been freed from?

### **Romans 8 v 2**

*For the Law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.*

### **Galatians 5 v 5**

*For we through the Spirit, by faith, are waiting for the hope of righteousness.*

By faith we receive the Holy Spirit and by faith we walk by the Holy Spirit. That which is not of faith is sin.

### **Romans 14 v 23**

*But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because his eating is not from faith; and whatever is not from faith is sin.*

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## **Galatians 5 v 7-8**

*You were running well; who hindered you from obeying the truth? This persuasion did not come from Him who calls you.*

## **The Place of Faith in our Walk, the Influences at Work in Our Minds**

**Galatians 5 v 16-17** *But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. 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.*

This is our deterrent; however, we are in a battle of influences.

## **Galatians 5 v 25**

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

*If we believe in the Spirit let us practice what we believe!*

## **Fruits**

## **Ephesians 4 v 23 -24**

*...and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.*

## **Romans 12 v 1-2**

*Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.*

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## **An Abundant Life Style**

We have access to a life in the Spirit, an abundant life. However it is a battle of influences or persuasions.

### **Romans 6 v 1-4**

*What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace might increase? May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it? Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptised into Christ Jesus have been baptised into His death? Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.*

As believers we are dead to sin and alive to God.

### **Romans 8 v 14**

*For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.*

### **John 10 v 10**

*"The thief comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy; I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly."*

A good example of this is the battle of influences that appears in Paul's confession.

### **Romans 7 v 21-25**

*I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good. 22 For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man, 23 but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members. 24 Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death? 25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, on the one hand I myself with my mind am serving the law of God, but on the other, with my flesh the law of sin.*

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## **Life or Death - Wages**

Understanding is one thing, doing that which we understand is another. Our minds are subject to either the spirit or to the flesh. Satan has access to our minds; we are in a battle.

1 God gave to the human race the right to make choices, as a free gift. He chose us to be part of the new covenant.

2 Man was made to be influenced; he makes choices from different influences, both when we are under pressure and when not under pressure.

3 God influences us by making known to us His revelation, His ways and His word. He makes suggestions to us, knowing that we will respond; yes, or no, I'll do this or do that.

4 Satan influences us by making known to us his revelation, his ways and influences. He makes suggestions to us knowing that God has given us a free choice. Satan wants us to do his dirty work; he feeds our flesh, our carnal mind.

5 We choose either God's way or satan's way. Both choices carry with that obedience - wages or fruit

### **Romans 6 v 23**

*For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

The wages of sin are death; the wages of righteousness are eternal life. There is no middle ground in spiritual warfare; we serve either God or satan. Satan has access to our minds, our history and uses all his knowledge to try to influence us into his wicked plans. He lies, accuses, steals and generally connives to deceive us into giving up our faith and ultimately joining his prisoners of fear.

### **1 Timothy 6 v 12**

*Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.*

Satan does not make choices for you any more than God does. God has sealed our choice gift of Jesus with His own authority. Only with our permission can we make the decision and serve God or satan.

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## **Romans 6 v 16**

*Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?*

We live our lives according to who we hear and obey, all out of our own choice. Satan has knowledge of our weaknesses, failings, ambitions, frustrations and strengths. He feeds our minds with whatever will cause our disobedience to God. He doesn't give up trying; he is intelligent, cunning attractive to the flesh and is out to get you to sign up.

## **Follow Jesus Only**

### **Luke 14 v 25 -26**

*Now great multitudes were going along with Him; and He turned and said to them, "If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple."*

### **What Does it Mean to Follow Him?**

- 1 To hear and obey His call, His word.
- 2 To know what He expects of us.
- 3 To be willing to respond, to act in accordance of His expectations of us.

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**Matthew** chapters 3 and 4 show us what Jesus did and what we should do to *follow* Him:

- He was baptised in water
- He was born again
- He received the Holy Spirit
- He overcame the devil
- He chose men to help in His ministry
- He taught others; we are to be teachable
- He trained others; we are to be apprenticed to Him
- He corrected them; we are to be correctable

### **Matthew 3 v 16-17**

*16 After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting on Him, 17 and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased."*

Jesus received His Father's approval. The trinity of the Godhead, 3 in 1, Father, Son and the Holy Spirit was in perfect harmony. The trinity of man, 3 in 1, spirit, body and soul, can be in perfect harmony also. Each Person of the Trinity influenced the other, each part of our spirit, body and soul influences our decisions, choices and lives.

### **1 Thessalonians 5 v 23**

*Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

### **Matthew 5 v 48**

*"Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect."*

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## **How to Recognise When we are Walking in the Flesh**

God's word gives us the answer.

### **Galatians 5 v 16 -21**

*But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. For the flesh sets its desires 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. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law. Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you just as I have forewarned you that those who practice such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.*

**If we are Led by the Flesh, then this is the Fruit that we will Produce.**

### **Galatians 5 v 22 -23**

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.*

If we are led by the Holy Spirit this is the fruit that we will produce. Things are not always as they seem! Until the fruit appears you may not be sure. Stay in the word - in Christ. To walk in the Spirit is to be free from sin. As we saw at the beginning of these notes, Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit even into the wilderness, and we often oppose the will of the Spirit. To walk in the Spirit is to be free from sin. What sins do we mean? Of course we mean all sins, but there are less obvious sins which will prevent us from walking in the Spirit if they are not dealt with.

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**The sin of not Loving, Loving God is our First Ruling.**

### **Matthew 22 v 37-38**

*And He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and foremost commandment. This is basic and fundamental to our walk.*

### **Acts 28-23-28**

*23 When they had set a day for Paul, they came to him at his lodging in large numbers; and he was explaining to them by solemnly testifying about the kingdom of God and trying to persuade them concerning Jesus, from both the Law of Moses and from the Prophets, from morning until evening. 24 Some were being persuaded by the things spoken, but others would not believe. 25 And when they did not agree with one another, they began leaving after Paul had spoken one parting word, "The Holy Spirit rightly spoke through Isaiah the prophet to your fathers, 26 saying, 'Go to this people and say, "You will keep on hearing, but will not understand; And you will keep on seeing, but will not perceive; 27 For the heart of this people has become dull, And with their ears they scarcely hear, And they have closed their eyes; Otherwise they might see with their eyes, And hear with their ears, And understand with their heart and return, And I would heal them.'" 28 Therefore let it be known to you that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles; they will also listen."*

We cannot walk by the spirit of God unless we know the love of God and love Him totally in return; it is a sin not to love Him.

### **John 14 v 15**

*15 "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.*

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**Loving your Neighbour.**

Who is my neighbour?

### **Luke 10 v 27**

*And he answered and said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself."*

If we do not love one another we will not walk by the Spirit of God and we will not receive our Father's approval.

**How Can Two Walk Together Unless They are Agreed?**

### **Amos 3 v 3**

*Do two men walk together unless they have made an appointment?*

*Appointment is also translated as to be in agreement with one another.*

*We have to deal with this sin before we can make real progress. Dennis referred to any disagreement as being a sin. We have to see where the root of this comes from; it is certainly not from God. He also interpreted the agreement as being a kind of love between folk. What kind of love are we talking about? This is agape or sacrificial love. Laying life down love.*

### **1 John 3 v 1**

*See how great a love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.*

*Dennis directed us to devour all of 1 John 3 and let your conscience be your guide in this whole matter of your walk with the Spirit of God.*

### **1 John 3 v 16**

*We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.*

Again this is agape love.

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## **Romans 5 v 8**

*But God demonstrates His own love towards us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

To walk in the spirit is to love God and one another with His agape love, not some conditional love.

**1 Corinthians 13** describes love; it is clearly a goal for us to strive towards.

## **The Sin of Withholding.**

## **Proverbs 3 v 27-28**

*Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, When it is in your power to do it. 28 Do not say to your neighbor, "Go, and come back, And tomorrow I will give it," When you have it with you.*

## **To Whom do all Things Belong?**

## **1 Corinthians 3 v 21-23**

*21 So then let no one boast in men. For all things belong to you, 22 whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or things present or things to come; all things belong to you, 23 and you belong to Christ; and Christ belongs to God.*

We cannot claim that we own anything unless we see that all we own belongs to Christ, that is to say me, my life, wife and children, my home, all my possessions, all my gifts and abilities, they all belong to Jesus.

## **Ephesians 4 v 1**

*Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called...*

We are all prisoners of Christ; therefore we are to follow that which Paul urges us to follow.

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*I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.*

Our spiritual service of worship is that which Jesus referred to in John's gospel.

## **John 4 v 23**

*"But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers."*

God is spirit and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.

## **Malachi 3 v 1-2**

*"Behold, I am going to send My messenger, and he will clear the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight, behold, He is coming," says the Lord of hosts.*

To walk in the Spirit is to present ourselves to Him in adoration, love and reverence. If you withhold anything in any one area you are out of step. Here are some other examples of sins that will stop us from walking in the Spirit.

1 Withholding our gifts from the body, our gifts and abilities.

## **1 Corinthians 12 v 7**

*But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.*

## **1 Corinthians 14 v 12**

*So also you, since you are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek to abound for the edification of the church.*

2 Husbands and wives do not withhold yourself from your partner.

## **1 Corinthians 7 v 3-5**

*Let the husband fulfil his duty to his wife, and likewise also the wife to her husband. The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does; and likewise also the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does.*

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*Stop depriving one another, except by agreement for a time that you may devote yourselves to prayer, and come together again lest satan tempt you because of your lack of self control.*

Intercourse is a picture of marriage, a union, which leads to communion. It is a giving of one another to each other. You can choose otherwise about it but it is not right unless you agree together, satan will and does get in.

3 Finances - do not withhold your money from God. This is stealing!

### **Malachi 3 v 8 -11**

*"Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, 'How have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings. You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing Me, the whole nation of you! "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this," says the Lord of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven, and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows. Then I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it may not destroy the fruits of the ground; nor will your vine in the field cast its grapes," says the Lord of hosts.*

You are likely to go to prison for stealing, but you can choose to receive God's blessing. We should aspire to be like the church in Macedonia.

### **2 Corinthians 8 v 1-5**

*Now, brethren, we wish to make known to you the grace of God which has been given in the churches of Macedonia, that in a great ordeal of affliction their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed in the wealth of their liberality. For I testify that according to their ability, and beyond their ability they gave of their own accord, begging us with much entreaty for the favour of participation in the support of the saints, and this, not as we had expected, but they first gave themselves to the Lord and to us by the will of God.*

Their expression of love was proven by their actions. Because of this Paul's ministry was able to continue. Sow sparingly and that is how we will receive. God also wants us to enjoy our lives, so give cheerfully! Saul built for himself a monument to his successes - his obedience, but he lost his crown because he did not give everything to God. He died for his disobedience; we will die spiritually if we do not press on to the goal of perfection.

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The Beatitudes, in Luke's gospel are Jesus' words of instruction to us. *Dennis used to call them the Be-attitudes because they are the attitudes we should have towards others who were troubled or needed encouragement.*

### **Luke 6 v 27-38**

*27 "But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,  
28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.*

We are to become a people of the Spirit, not merely debaters or arguers of the truth. We can admit the truth of the gospel and yet never be embarrassed by or challenged by its implications. God seeks a people who will give their all.