



Complete Living by the Spirit :-

This is an excerpt from the Holy Bible, the only Book of Knowledge that I know of, which tells you and me how to lead our lives by the power of the Spirit. So, enjoy reading it and living by it! I believe this will help us, to overcome our sinful nature and to lead a prosperous and victorious life in Christ! ☺

Galatians 5:16-26 says,

“So I advise you to live according to your new life in the Holy Spirit. Then you won’t be doing what your sinful nature craves. The old sinful nature loves to do evil, which is just opposite from what the Holy Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are opposite from what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, and your choices are never free from this conflict. But, when you are directed by the Holy Spirit, you are no longer subjected to the law.

When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, your lives will produce these evil results: sexual immorality, impure thoughts, eagerness for lustful pleasure, idolatry, participation in demonic activities, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, divisions, the feeling that everyone is wrong except those in your own little group, envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other kinds of sin. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the kingdom of God.

But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives, he will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Here, there is no conflict with the law.

Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. If we are living now by the Holy Spirit, let us follow the Holy Spirit’s leading in every part of our lives. Let us not become conceited, or irritate one another, or be jealous of one another.”

The opposite of sin is obedience. Obeying God restores our relationship to him. The only way to enjoy the benefits of God’s promises is to obey him. Sin ruins people’s lives. It happens when we disobey God. Living God’s way makes life productive and fulfilling. When people obey God, they find peace with him, with others, and with themselves. Prosperity is deeper than mere material wealth. True prosperity and fulfillment come as a result of obeying God.

Spiritual growth begins with Christ. Receiving Christ as Lord of our life is the beginning of life with Christ. But we must continue to follow his leadership by being rooted, built up, and strengthened in the faith. Christ wants to guide you and help you with your daily problems. You can live for Christ by following these steps,

(1) Commit your life and submit your will to him.



Romans 12:1-2 says, *“And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice – the kind he will accept. When you think of what he has done for you, is this too much to ask? Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will know what God wants you to do, and you will know how good and pleasing and perfect his will really is.”*

We are saved from God’s judgment and penalty for sin by God’s gracious gift to us. We receive salvation by faith, trusting in him, not in anything else. Becoming a Christian is no way based on our initiative, wise choice, or good character. We can be right with God only by believing in him. Your acceptance with God comes by believing in Christ alone. You must never add to or twist this truth. We are saved by faith, not by the good we do. Christ alone can forgive you and bring you into a relationship with God.

(2) Seek to learn from him, his life and his teachings.

Colossians 3:16 says, *“Let the words of Christ, in all their richness, live in your hearts and make you wise. Use his words to teach and counsel each other. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts.”*

(3) Recognize the Holy Spirit’s power in you.

Acts 1:8 says, *“But when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, you will receive power and will tell people about me everywhere – in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*

Galatians 5:22 says, *“But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives, he will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.”*

(4) Continue to live in obedience to Jesus.

I John 2:3-5 says, *“And how can we be sure that we belong to him? By obeying his commandments. If someone says, ‘I belong to God,’ but does not obey God’s commandments, that person is a liar and does not live in the truth. But those who obey God’s word really do love him. That is the way to know whether or not we live in him.”*

Colossians 2:6-7 says, *“And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to live in obedience to him. Let your roots grow down into him and draw up nourishment from him, so you will grow in faith, strong and vigorous in the truth you were taught. Let your lives overflow with thanksgiving for all he has done.”*



Proverbs 6:17 says, “*There are six things the Lord hates – no, seven things he detests: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that kill the innocent, a heart that plots evil, feet that race to do wrong, a false witness who pours out lies, a person who sows discord among brothers.*”

(5) God will complete the good work in us.

Philippians 1:6 says, “*And I am sure that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on that day when Christ Jesus comes back again.*”

Believers can have profound contentment, serenity, and peace no matter what happens. This joy comes from knowing Christ personally and from depending on his strength rather than on our own.

Fellows, Jesus is the only way that will bring us out of our sinful nature. And I know most of us have sinned just like as it is mentioned in these verses in Galatians chapter 5, because I was there too when we sinned. Let us not be a part of that any more, that would kill us some day. Before that it will spoil our lives slowly and steadily. You will not notice it, until it strikes you with all its might. But dear friends, the God in us is “The Almighty”. He is “The I am”. Nothing is impossible through Jesus Christ. He will make us a new being. He will give us peace and prosperity, abundant life and victory. That’s the bottom line! Believe it! ☺