

1. What it does/doesn't mean to 'Walk in the Spirit'

- ✧ It does not mean.... Hyper-spiritual, weird, unnatural...
- ✧ It does mean...
 1. By faith, living under the Lordship of Jesus Christ and according to the leading and guidance of the Holy Spirit, (saying yes to God and no to self/flesh).
 2. *There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. (Rom 8:1)*
- ✧ Jesus Christ is the greatest example of a life lived 'in the Spirit.'
 3. He was 'super-naturally natural' - Submitted to the Father, walking and ministering in the power of the Holy Spirit, manifesting the character of God in all He said and did.

2. 'Walking in the Spirit' - (the alternative to 'walking in the flesh')

- ✧ Flesh vs. Spirit - the ongoing conflict
 1. *Walk in the Spirit and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh (Gal.5:16)*
 2. Understand the ongoing conflict: *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 (NLT) (Gal.5:17)*
- ✧ Recognizing characteristics of each... (What is flesh and what is Spirit?)
 3. Works of the flesh: *"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, hostility, quarreling, 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 (NLT).*
 2. Fruit of the Spirit: *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.*

3. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God... (Eph 4:30)

- ✧ Types of Obedience as we say 'Yes' to God - (As the Holy Spirit speaks to our hearts...)
 1. Correcting: When the Holy Spirit corrects and convicts - 'Stop, don't do that'
 - a. Important, but He wants to move us beyond to a life in the Spirit.
 2. Perfecting: Holy Spirit speaks to us in areas of service and help.
 - a. Instead of 'don't do that', He says, 'Do this, serve here, help them.'
 - b. Developing the heart of a servant.
 - c. Fertile ground for growth & the budding forth of the fruit of the Spirit.

4. The practicality and Availability of the Holy Spirit's gifts (1Corinthians 12:7-11)

- ✧ The Holy Spirit gives 'gifts' to be delivered (1Cor.12:11)
 1. As we walk in the Spirit, Holy Spirit gifts are also a vital part of the resources available to the follower of Jesus Christ.
 2. Don't think of ministering Holy Spirit gifts only in the context of 'church services,' but rather in the context of life (as seen in the book of Acts and the gospels).



3. Be available to receive and deliver.