

GRACE IS...

Living by the Spirit

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Galatians 5:16-26

¹⁶ *So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.*

¹⁷ *For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want.* ¹⁸ *But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law.*

¹⁹ *The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰ idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹ and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. ²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.*

²⁶ *Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.*

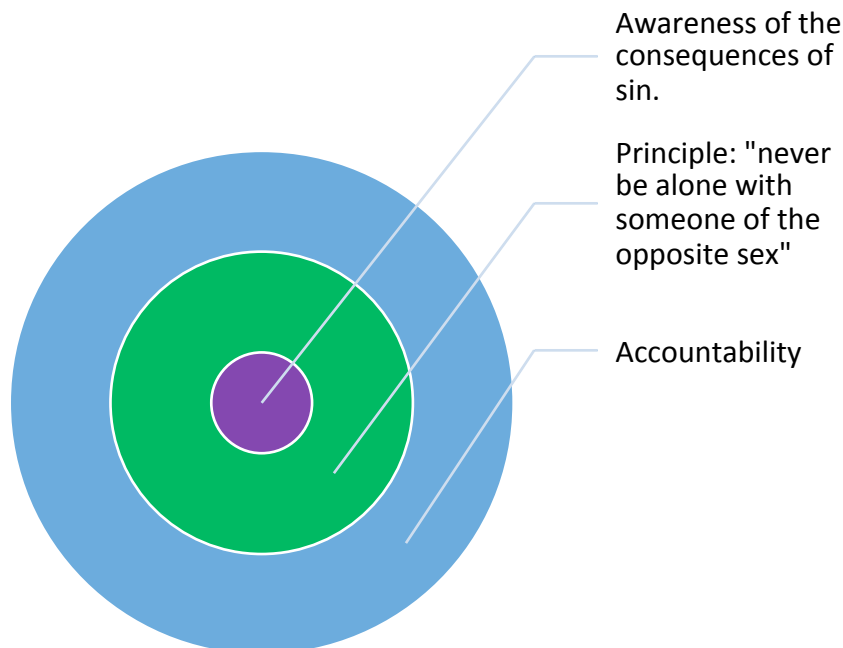
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- **Sexual immorality:** fornication (sex outside of marriage), often related to prostitution. It can also include homosexual sex, extra-marital sex, bestiality,
- **Impurity:** uncleanness; often in reference to sexual sin.
- **Debauchery:** indulgence in sensual pleasure unrestrained by convention or morality. Lack of boundaries and decency.
- **Idolatry:** worship of a material representation of a deity. Often people who worship idols are seeking to control their future by appealing to the idol.
- **Witchcraft:** sorcery, potion-making. Often used to inflict harm on others or to help others.
- **Hatred:** having ill will toward others. Wanting something bad to happen to others.
- **Discord:** strife, contention, fighting. When disagreements hurt the relationship.

- **Jealousy:** a greedy or prideful longing for something that belongs to another.
- **Fits of Rage:** Fury or Anger that normally subsides quickly. These are the type of people who explode all of a sudden.
- **Selfish Ambition:** a strong drive for personal success without moral inhibitions. Win at all costs.
- **Dissensions:** discord that splits a group.
- **Factions:** (haireseis -> heresy) breaking off from a larger group. Sect.
- **Envy:** spite and resentment toward the success or possessions of another. Whereas jealousy focuses on what the other person has, envy adds on to that the resentment and spite toward the person who has what you want.
- **Drunkenness:** When people drink they lose their inhibitions which often leads to sinful actions.
- **Orgies:** Excessive eating, drinking, partying. Loss of moral inhibitions. Group sex.

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Figure 1: Fighting the sinful nature through self-effort



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Figure 2: Fighting the sinful nature the Spirit's way



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