

the **DRIFT** *live by the Spirit*

The Message from Galatians

*Every day we must practice behaviors
that establish a rhythm of being and doing
that causes us to rediscover and re-believe the Grace of God,
so that we can live the gospel
that we might live with the freedom God intended.*

The One we forget

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. *Galatians 5:16-18*

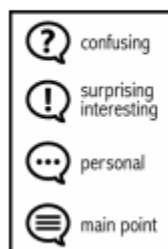
Life in the flesh

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. *Galatians 5:19-21*

Produce not produced

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. *Galatians 5:22-23*

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Keeping in step

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. *Galatians 5:24-25*

- What are the practices that keep you in step with the Spirit?
- Who are the people who naturally draw you to the Spirit?

*Every day we must renew our relationship with the Spirit of God
so he can lead us to rediscover and re-believe the grace of God,
so that we can live the gospel.*

Communion: Asking for the Spirit

"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? ¹² Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" *Luke 11:9-13*

Next Steps

Recommended reading:

The book of *Galatians*
The Forgotten God by Francis Chan
Practicing the Presence of God by Brother Lawrence
The Good and Beautiful God by James Bryan Smith
The Life You've Always Wanted by John Ortberg

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