

# The Potter's Christian Life Center

SERMON NOTES  
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## The Power To Live Right

**Galatians 5:16-23**

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Doing right is not easy. You know this by experience. You try to do right and end up doing wrong. You could have the best intentions and soon find yourself behaving exactly opposite of what you originally desired. This is frustrating. If only there were a way to operate in the things of God in a more consistent way.

Thankfully there is. Jesus came and died to deal with the failures of your past, and the Holy Spirit came to deal with the challenges of your present and future. There is now pardon for your past and power for your future. They both came to teach you how to walk in the Spirit.

### **Galatians 5:16**

**"This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh." KJV**

**"So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves." NLT**

### **THE NEED**

Paul experienced two shocking events that confirmed their need for power to lived consistent, effective Christian lives. One morning, after he had healed a lame man, they bowed down and worshiped him as a god. That very same evening, the same folks picked up rocks, stoned Paul, and left him for dead outside the city in response to rumors instigated by his enemies.

These folks were being tossed back and forth in response to the events of their lives. And no wonder, behind the scenes were forces pulling them into directions.

### **Galatians 5:17**

**The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions.**

Without the Holy Spirit's intervention, some perfectly nasty things will come pouring out of us. They are called the works of the flesh.

### **Galatians 5:19-21**

**19 When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, 21 envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.**

## **THE REMEDY**

The Fruit and Gifts of the Spirit

The Holy Spirit produces and grows nine character traits that flow from the life of Jesus.

The Holy Spirit also empowers us with nine abilities that were demonstrated by Jesus.

The Fruit

**Galatians 5:22-23**

**22 But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!**

The Gifts

**1 Corinthians 12:7-11**

**7 A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. 8 To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge. 9 The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing. 10 He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages, while another is given the ability to interpret what is being said. 11 It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts.**

Simply stated, the fruit of the Spirit enables us to BE.

The gifts of the Spirit enable us to DO.