

Life in the Spirit

Exploring our Verse for the Year

***“Since we live by the Spirit,
let us keep in step with the Spirit”***

Galatians 5.25

Living Differently by the Spirit

Galatians 5.16-17

A civil war is going on inside every Christian

- **God's Spirit makes us a true Christian Rom 8.9**
we must be 'born again' John 3.3,5,7
God's kingdom is internal Luke 17.20-21
- **Our sinful nature is in conflict with God's Spirit**
which will win the war? Gal 5.16-17

1. What does our sinful nature desire?

- **Independence!** *the original 'my way' sin*
we abuse our God-given freedom
to live independently of God Gal 5.13
- **Our sinful nature causes us to act selfishly**
pursuing self-gratification
through self-indulgence
in sex v19
in religion v20
in relationships vs 20-21
and alcohol abuse v21
- **Be warned!** – *don't be disqualified v21; Rom 8.14*

2. How in practise can we live by the Spirit?

- **Through an uncompromising decision v24**
crucify the sinful nature Mark 8.34
leave it well alone to die off Rom 6.11-19
- **Through heeding the Spirit's promptings**
God's expert alongside us John 14.26
enrol for His re-education programme
undertake serious Bible study
Rom 12.2; Mat 4.4; 2 Tim 3.16-17
Psalm 119.33-36
learn to recognise his voice
- **Through drawing on the Spirit's strength**
He is more powerful than our sinful nature
Rom 7.18-19,24; 8.4; 2 Tim 1.7;
Phil 2.13; Rom 6.14;8.6; Eph 3.16-17