

The Spiritual Christian, part 9

Walking by the Spirit—2

- I.** The spiritual Christian is taught spiritual truth by the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 2:13; 1 Jn. 2:27).
 - 1. In the realm of the human spirit—area of reasoning.
 - 2. From Scripture (2 Tim. 3:16-17).
- II.** Walking by the Spirit, “walking”, to order one’s lifestyle (Gal. 5:16).
 - 1. “Walk by the Spirit”, a very strong suggestion—imperative.
 - 1) Pre-planning, manage circumstances to some extent.
 - 2) Rely on the Holy Spirit—know how He will enable you.
 - 2. Ordering one’s lifestyle requires having defined priorities.
 - 1) 1st God.
 - 2) 2nd Family.
 - 3. Yield—‘present in subjection’ to God (Rom. 6:13).
 - 1) Body members/parts are reckoned/counted as dead to the sin nature (Rom. 6:11).
 - 2) Every potential offending body part also has a potential for righteous use.
 - 3) The sin nature/flesh uses parts of the human body for unrighteousness.
 - 4) The fleshly practices are put to death with the enabling of the Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:13).
 - 5) The same body part which was counted dead, is alive.
 - i. Presented to God.
 - ii. A weapon of righteousness.
 - 6) The fleshly lust will in no way be completed—put into practice (Gal. 5:16).
 - 4. Yielding body as a living sacrifice (Rom. 12:1).
 - 1) Through the mercies of God—God’s goodness and love.
 - 2) “You present”, a human responsibility.
 - 3) Living sacrifice.
 - i. Counter intuitive.
 - ii. Results in spiritual animation, living, activity.
 - 4) Holy, set apart to God. Well pleasing to God
 - 5) A logical, priestly service.