

BIBLE STUDY DEPARTMENT

THEME 2008: ...THAT THOU MAYEST PROSPER...

TOPIC: THE SPIRIT LED LIFE

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Memory verse -

This I say then,
Walk in the Spirit,
and ye shall not
fulfill the lust of the
flesh.

In our usual conceptions, walking in the Spirit and not fulfilling the lust of the flesh basically infers avoiding, abstaining from, and overcoming the sinful tendencies of the flesh. But more broadly, the Spirit refers to Godly dispositions or tendencies while the flesh refers to the sensual life (consider Rom. 8:1).

Gal. 5:16

Notes

To walk in the Spirit therefore means, to make progress in the realization and fulfillment of God's word (consider Mt. 5:17). By implication, the Spirit led life is one that is continuously propelled towards the divinely set goal for man's life (see Gal. 5:16-26). What is more, the leading of the Spirit is the proof of sonship (Rom. 8:14). Being therefore sons, we are made heirs of the promise (Rom. 8:17).

When we are heirs, that we will be inheritors of divine graces is guaranteed. It is such grace that made it possible for David to enjoy eternal blessings; the certainty of which was even guaranteed in Christ (Rev. 22:16).

It is such unfailing Spirit leading that guarantees our success in the vision to live God's promises; even the promise to prosper.