

SOP: Walking in the Spirit

The Holy Spirit is not given to us as a possession of which we have control and which we can use at our discretion. The Holy Spirit is given to us to be our Master and to have control of us. It is not we who are to use Him; He must use us.

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Walking in the Spirit is not so much ‘seeking an event’—as it is—a transition of power.

It is about walking from a different “appetite” rather than a different set of “activities”.

It is a transition of leadership from the soul to the Spirit.

It is having the life of the Lord Jesus reproduced in me and through me rather than walking according to the thoughts and inclinations of the flesh (even religious flesh). The new life of the Spirit grows and becomes evident progressively within us, until the likeness of Christ is fully produced in us.

Walking in the Spirit is to ‘be constantly conducting yourselves in the sphere of the Spirit. That is, determine every thought, word, and deed by the leading of the Spirit through the Word, and think every thought, speak every word, and do every deed, in an attitude of entire dependence upon the Holy Spirit’s empowering energy.

Walking in the flesh is to walk in our own strengths, power and will—the old nature.

Too often, Christianity is viewed as dogma—a mental assent / acceptance of a proposed set of ideas or adherence to a prescribed doctrine. **It is the very Life of God being lived out in the lives of the Body of Christ.**

Through relationship with the Holy Spirit, we have fruitfulness.

Through cooperation with the Holy Spirit, we have power.

Two Illustrations:

The Lamp: Matthew 6:22-23—Proverbs

20:27—Ephesians 1:18

Dough Boy Illustration

