



FAITH MAIL

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Living by the Spirit

Brothers and Sisters,

In the life of the believer, there's a continuous struggle between the Spirit and the flesh. Paul urges us to “... *walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh*” (Galatians 5:16, NIV). This goes beyond simply avoiding sin; it requires surrendering control and allowing the Spirit to guide every aspect of our lives.

Paul's statement in Galatians 2:20 is radical: “...*I no longer live, but [Messiah] lives in me.*” How is this possible? The key lies in yielding—letting go of self-reliance and inviting the Spirit to govern our thoughts, words, and actions. So, how can we live by the Spirit?

Building a Relationship

The Holy Spirit is not an impersonal force; He's our guide, comforter, and teacher. We must intentionally build our relationship with Him by spending time speaking with Him, listening for His voice, and learning His ways. This requires commitment and practice. As we become more familiar with Him, His promptings will become clearer.

Seeking His Wisdom

Life is filled with decisions, both big and small. Instead of reacting impulsively or relying solely on our own understanding, we should take a moment to ask, “Holy Spirit, what should I do?” He speaks through Scripture, inner conviction, and even the wise counsel of others. Consulting Him before we act leads to wisdom and peace.

Walking in Step with Him

The Spirit does not drag us forward; He invites us to walk in step with Him (Galatians 5:25). Like a dance, this requires attentiveness—being sensitive to His leading and adjusting our pace accordingly. It may mean slowing down when He prompts us to practice patience or stepping out in courage when He encourages us to take bold action.

When we allow the Spirit to govern our lives daily, we'll see Yahshua's nature increasingly evident in us. Our decisions will demonstrate His wisdom, our character will reflect His purity, and our interactions will reveal His love.

Living by the Spirit is a daily practice, a continual yielding, and a journey of intimacy with Him. As we engage in this process, we'll find that Yahshua is not merely an example to admire but a life we truly embody.

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