## Powerful Verse

2-25-18

Galatians 5:18 (ESV)

But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

New Motivation and Power that replaces the Law! In fact the law hinders operating in the power of the Holy Spirit. Remember this book opens with Paul being astonished that these believers traded Grace for the Law and destroyed the ministry of the Holy Spirit. In review, Paul said:

Galatians 3:2-3 (ESV)

<sup>2</sup> Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? <sup>3</sup> **Are you so foolish?** Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?

However we do have personal responsibility. We engage this power through our decision making process and our decision-making capacity.

Galatians 5:13-14 (ESV)

<sup>13</sup> For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. <sup>14</sup> For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

We make a decision for God to move in faith evidenced by loving God and loving others.

Motivated by love for God and others, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we will not live out our selfish desires but will be led along by the Holy Spirit.

Galatians 5:16 (ESV)
But I say, **WALK\*** by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

How do we engage the power of the Holy Spirit? We WALK\* by the Spirit. What does it mean to WALK\* in the Spirit? Walk used here means to be "occupied with".

This word never means physically walk in the Pauline Epistles, nor in the Epistles of John. It always means to be figuratively "occupied with" someone's activities and life. Therefore Paul says to engage power of the Holy Spirit, "Be occupied with the Holy Spirit!"

When we make this decision to be focused on God to be "occupied with" the things of the Spirit, we will not be gratifying our own the selfishness. This is key to stepping into the supernatural of God. However, be warned, once we make that decision, all the distractions of the world and every selfish desire possible will come at us through a variety of situations. Satan himself orchestrates many of these distractions and desires. Therefore, we have an internal war raging inside us.

Galatians 5:17 (ESV)

For the desires of the flesh **are against** the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit **are against** the flesh, for **these are opposed to each other**, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

The answer is not to be bound and condemned by all the rules, but to be occupied with the Holy Spirit and step into the supernatural which gives us power to overcome and follow God.

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To live out the Christian life, we have to "engage" the Holy Spirit. We make a decision to be "occupied with" the things of the Spirit and move into the supernatural. We move in the new way of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 7:6 (ESV)

But now we are **released from the law**, so that we serve in **the new way of the Spirit** and not in the old way of the written code.

Christ brings "the New Way" not of outward rules, but a relationship with Christ empowered by the Holy Spirit!

Romans 8:13-15 (ESV)

The New Way!

<sup>13</sup> **By the Spirit** you put to death the deeds of the body. **The New relationship!** 

<sup>14</sup> All who are led **by the Spirit** of God are sons of God. **The New Power! We make a decision!** 

<sup>15</sup> You have **received the Spirit,** by whom we cry, **"Abba! Father!"** 

We are not just following better rules! We are "engaging" with the supernatural! We are "occupied with" the Holy Spirit! We cry "Abba! Father!" It should be no surprise that the Holy Spirit will speak to us and give us supernatural gifts of the Spirit.

When Jesus went to the cross. HE paid the penalty for our sins and gave us eternal life. Also HE gave us the promised Holy Spirit with all HIS power!

Galatians 3:13–14 (ESV)
Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us ... ... SO THAT we might receive the Spirit as promised through faith.

Dear people of God: Live in the supernatural! Call out to the Lord, "Abba. Father!" Cry out, "Come Holy Spirit Come!"

Prophetic Team

Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current situation or impact the future