



EMPOWERED part 6

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Keeping In Step

So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. **Galatians 5:16 (NIV)**

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. **Galatians 5:25 (NIV)**

Practically speaking, what does "walking in the Spirit" look like?

Walking in the Spirit means that my...

- Words,
- Thoughts,
- Actions,
- and Attitudes ...all agree with the Spirit!

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. ¹¹ For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. ¹³ This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. ¹⁴ The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them

foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.

1 Corinthians 2:10-14 (NIV)

I am being led by the Spirit when I agree with God's word.

Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Ephesians 6:17 (NIV)

Decision Time!

"Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. ¹⁵ But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living.

Joshua 24:14-15b (NIV)

- Make the commitment...
- Declare my commitment...
 - to God,
 - to my closest friends,
 - to begin & continue to talk about it,
 - to look for the Spirit's leading in particular situations.
