

THE THINGS OF THE SPIRIT

Walk By Faith

I. One of THE BIGGEST ENEMIES in yielding to the promptings of The Spirit is the pull of the flesh/feelings-Ga5:16-Walk (follow/guided by influence) in the Spirit and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh (human nature and its frailty and passions/feelings/desires).¹⁷...the flesh lusts (desires) against the Spirit and the Spirit against the flesh and these are contrary (opposite, opposed) the one to the other so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.¹⁸...if ye be led (Induce-Influence/guide) of the Spirit ye are not under the law

A. The flesh includes feelings-Ga5:24-They that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections (emotions) and lusts (desires)

B. There's opposition between The Spirit's promptings and your flesh/feelings-You have a prompting and the flesh will say not now

C. Can have a prompting and not yield because of feelings/flesh-YL-The flesh doth desire contrary to the Spirit and the Spirit contrary to the flesh and these are opposed one to another that the things that ye may will-these ye may not do-VO-Constant battle raging between them that prevents you from doing the good you want to do-CEV-What you feel you should

Favorite time later
favorite day tomorrow

Mt26:41-Spirit is
willing flesh is weak

II. We are to follow The Spirit's leading NOT our feelings-Ga5:16-Rm7:6-AC-We serve not under [obedience to] the old code of written regulations but [under obedience to the promptings] of the Spirit-Rm8:14

A. To experience the things of The Spirit you have to follow The Spirit and that means not following your feelings-If follow your feelings around you'll cut yourself off from The Things of The Spirit

B. Promptings of The Spirit won't align with your feelings (Ga5:17)-You'll have a prompting to do something and not the feelings to do it

C. We can do things in spite of we you feel-Yielding to the Spirit can me doing something without the feelings-Ps42:11-VO-Despite all my emotions I will believe and praise the One who saves me-1Sm30,Hab3

D. Don't let what you do be governed by how you feel-Governed by promptings

E. Often it works like this: No feelings, prompting, yielding, encounter

III. Have this mentality: Who cares I you feel, I'm following The Spirit

A. Their feelings became biggest thing in their lives-They followed them-Ph3:19-Whose God is their belly-GW-Their own emotions are their god

B. Don't let feelings control you, you control them-Co3:5-Mortify (subdue) therefore your members which are upon the earth...inordinate affection (disorderly emotion)-MS-Doing whatever you feel like whenever you feel like it and grabbing whatever attracts your fancy. That's a life shaped by...feelings instead of by God-1Pt5:8-Be sober (dispassionate-unmoved by feelings)-Pr16:32-He that rules his spirit than he that takes a city

C. Satan wants you to get so focused on feelings that they become the main thing-Feelings focused on get bigger and dominate you-Pr29:11-GW-Fool expresses all his emotions...wise person controls them-Pr4:20-Attend to...

Foolish focus on/make
much of your feelings

Feeling-focused life
isn't conducive with the
things of the spirit

IV. To yield to the promptings of The Spirit you must walk by faith-2Co5:7-Walk by faith not by sight (perceive with the senses)

A. By faith-You act, not based on something you feel/see, but believing The Spirit prompted you to and you do so believing He will get involved (EX: When I got filled with The Spirit and spoke in tongues)

You do this without any feelings moving you

B. Acting in faith on The Spirit's promptings accesses the power of God-Mt14:29-Come...when Peter was come down out of the ship he walked on the water-**Mk5:30**-Virtue had gone out of him..³⁴thy faith hath made thee whole

1. Faith accesses the power-Rm1:16-The power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth-**1Pt1:5**-Kept by the power of God through faith-**Ac6:8**-Full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles-**Ep1:19**-Exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe

V. Sometimes yielding To The Spirit means acting without feeling - Yielding to a prompting when you don't have feelings can feel like pretending

A. You must not pretend but you do have to yield-Sometimes without feelings

B. It's not putting on if The Holy Spirit is the originator of it

C. You're not faking something, you're yielding-You're acting on what you believe to be the promptings of The Holy Spirit

D. When you yield with no feelings, that doesn't mean you have to work something up in the flesh-If you have no feelings, there can be a temptation to try to work up feelings; Just yield and let it build