

**October 17, 2018**  
**“Freedom’s Power”**  
**Gal. 5:16-18**  
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***“I say then, walk by the Spirit and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the flesh desires what is against the Spirit, and the Spirit desires what is against the flesh; these are opposed to each other, so that you don’t do what you want. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.”*** (Galatians 5:16-18)

**A. Walk “walk by the Spirit” (16) Bill Bright, founder of Campus Crusade, wrote of ‘spiritual breathing’:**

1. **Exhale** (confess sin-1 John 1: 8-10)
  
2. **Inhale** (be filled with the Spirit- Ephesians 5:18)

**B. War “For the flesh desires what is against the Spirit, and the Spirit desires what is against the flesh; these are opposed to each other, so that you don’t do what you want.” (17)**

1. **Spiritual warfare requires spiritual soldiers** (Ephesians 6:10-18)
  
2. **Spiritual warfare requires spiritual weapons** (2 Corinthians 10:4)

**C. Way “But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law” (18)**

1. **Is the Spirit’s leadership confirmed by Scripture?** The Holy Spirit will never lead us to disobey God’s written word. (2 Timothy 3:16)
  
2. **Is the Spirit leading me to do something that would be approved for every other Christian?** We sometimes rely on feelings to get a “free pass” for behavior that would be condemned in others. (Romans 8:1)
  
3. **Is the Spirit leading me to build up Christ’s Body?** Both the gifts and the Fruit of the Spirit are both given to build up the Body. (Ephesians 4:12)

4. **Is the Spirit leading me in an action that will glorify Christ?** (I Cor. 10:31).

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