

In Step WITH THE SPIRIT

"If we live by the Spirit,
let us also keep in step with the Spirit."

GALATIANS 5:25

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The Christian life is supernatural.

"Christian living is essentially supernatural living...the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives by faith on the basis of Christ's historical death and resurrection...God's Spirit, the Spirit of Christ, lives in us and brings about changes that could never and would never be made without him so that Jesus Christ is glorified in what we do."

"[Christians are] inhabited and guided and empowered by the supernatural Spirit of Christ...They have new supernatural life flowing through them." - **John Piper**

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Jesus sent his Spirit to bring us to life and guide our lives.

John 3:3, 5 - "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God...Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."

John 14:16-18 - "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. 'I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.'"

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Jesus sent his Spirit to bring us to life and guide our lives.

John 16:13-14 - "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

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**To live as God's children,
we must walk by the Spirit.**

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Galatians 5:16-25

"But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God."

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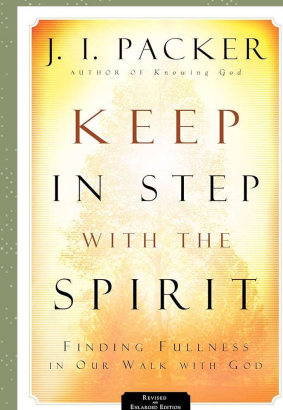
Galatians 5:16-25

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit."

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"The life of holiness is supernatural, not only because of the Spirit's secret work in our hearts, but also because help from Christ is constantly known in it. In this sense, it is a life of constant, conscious, expectant faith. The Spirit stirs us to look to Christ for the moral strength we need - gentleness, compassion, willingness to share and forgive; patience, tenacity, consistency; courage, fairmindedness, forbearance, the capacity to keep sweet, and so forth...if there is one thing more than another that the church needs today, it is to learn afresh the reality of Christ's supernatural sanctifying power, by which alone holiness can be achieved in our era of ethical relativism and moral collapse."



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LOOK
ADMIT
TRUST
ACT
THANK

**How do we
practically keep in
step with the Spirit?**

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LOOK ❖ ADMIT ❖ TRUST ❖ ACT ❖ THANK

LOOK - watch and listen through the Word of God, Prayer, and Fellowship

Eph 5:17-18 - "...understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit..."

Eph 6:17-18 - "...and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit..."

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LOOK ❖ ADMIT ❖ TRUST ❖ ACT ❖ THANK

ADMIT – what you don't want to do, can't do, or don't know how to do

Joh 15:5 – "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."

2 Cor 9:10 – For when I am weak, then I am strong."

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TRUST – ask and believe that God's Spirit will work in you and through you

Luk 11:13 – "...how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Pro 3:5-6 – "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."

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ACT – step with the Holy Spirit to think, say, and do his will

Act 1:8 - "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you..."

Col 1:29 - "For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me."

also 1 Cor 15:10, 1 Pet 4:10-11

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THANK - recognize and give thanks for what God has done and will do in you and others

Eph 5:18, 20 - "...be filled with the Spirit...giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father..."

1 Thes 5:16-19 - "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit."

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