

# Walking in the Spirit: Part 2

## Galatians 5:22-23

### Introduction

Last week we began a mini-series on walking in the Spirit. Walking in the Spirit is God's alternative to serving him by simply focusing on his commandments and trying to keep them by our own moral will-power. As we walk in the Spirit, He gradually and progressively transforms and empowers us to serve God effectively.

1. Physical walking requires three crucial elements: \_\_\_\_\_, propulsion, and direction.
2. Walking in the Spirit also requires three essential elements. Last week we looked at the first element "setting your \_\_\_\_\_ on the things of the Spirit."
3. Walking in the Spirit is choosing to think about every area of your life from \_\_\_\_\_ perspective and grace.
4. The second element of "keeping in \_\_\_\_\_ with the Spirit" in the parallel passage of Galatians 5:25.
5. The third element is "\_\_\_\_\_ to the Spirit."

### I. Holy Spirit Direction

6. In verse 25, Paul writes, "If we live in the Spirit, let us also \_\_\_\_\_ in the Spirit." ([Galatians 5:25 NKJV](#))
7. The Greek word used here for "walk" means walking in a \_\_\_\_\_.
8. To "keep in step with the Spirit" means to be \_\_\_\_\_ and responsive to the Spirit's direction and guidance for your life.

9. The Holy Spirit is a \_\_\_\_\_ who guides you to God's will and empowers you to accomplish it.
10. Jesus gives you His Spirit so you can \_\_\_\_\_ His will and guidance to your life every day.
11. Jesus promised that when He returned to the Father, He would send "another \_\_\_\_\_ and Counselor" to give us the help we need to be successful.
12. Walking in the Spirit can be a little complicated because the subject is personal and \_\_\_\_\_.
13. Some believers invoke the Holy Spirit as an excuse to \_\_\_\_\_ using their minds and common sense.
14. This danger borders on \_\_\_\_\_, which is the need to find supernatural explanations for everything that happens.
15. Some Christians use it as an \_\_\_\_\_ for not taking responsibility, exercising cognitive belligerence, and even demonstrating rebellion against God that challenges His reputation.
16. For others, the danger is to feel uncomfortable with any subjective or \_\_\_\_\_ feature of Christianity.
17. This danger borders on \_\_\_\_\_ which affirms God's existence but denies that he is personally involved in our lives in ways that we can recognize and see.
18. If God wants us to "keep in step with the Spirit," there must be a way to \_\_\_\_\_ his guidance and avoid these extremes.

## **II. Recognizing Holy Spirit Guidance**

19. God's Spirit will never guide us in a direction that \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word.

20. The Holy Spirit always guides us consistently with moral \_\_\_\_\_ and serving love.
21. When we stay in step with the Spirit, He leads us away from \_\_\_\_\_ attitudes and behaviors.
22. The Holy Spirit will speak to and even \_\_\_\_\_ your conscience.
23. It's essential to view the activity of the Spirit from the perspective of God's \_\_\_\_\_.
24. God also \_\_\_\_\_ us, and when He does, it's because He loves us, not because He rejects us.
25. God's correction is \_\_\_\_\_; He urges us to always move forward with him.
26. If you keep in step with the Spirit, he will guide your attitudes and behaviors and direct you to \_\_\_\_\_ other people.
27. Our whole life should be a \_\_\_\_\_ of servanthood.
28. We actively live the life of Christ every day, and when the Holy Spirit prompts us, we are willing to \_\_\_\_\_ His guidance.

### **III. Accepting Holy Spirit Guidance**

29. First of all, You have to \_\_\_\_\_ the Spirit.
30. Secondly, are you willing to \_\_\_\_\_ to the Spirit's guidance?
31. Thirdly, do you see God as a consultant rather than the \_\_\_\_\_ of your life?
32. The Holy Spirit expects us to be ready to \_\_\_\_\_ His guidance even before you know what it is.

33. Don't be a moral \_\_\_\_\_!

34. Don't make God take more drastic measures to convince you to make a course \_\_\_\_\_.

## Conclusion

35. One sign of spiritual growth is that we don't always have to learn the \_\_\_\_\_ way.

36. It's a great thing when we begin to \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord's initial, gentle conviction and guidance.

37. Your life in the Spirit requires your personal \_\_\_\_\_.

If you want to walk in the Spirit:

- Have you asked for the Spirit's guidance?
- Are you willing to submit to the Spirit's guidance?
- Are you responding to the guidance you have already received?

Don't wait until your life is in trouble before you call out to God for guidance! Learn to seek out the Lord's help and guidance for each day and then obediently follow His direction and walk in the Spirit.

## ANSWERS

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| 1. Balance     | 14. Superstition  | 27. Lifestyle   |
| 2. Mind        | 15. Excuse        | 28. Accept      |
| 3. God's       | 16. Unpredictable | 29. Receive     |
| 4. Step        | 17. Deism         | 30. Submit      |
| 5. Sowing      | 18. Recognize     | 31. Ruler       |
| 6. Walk        | 19. Contradicts   | 32. Obey        |
| 7. Line        | 20. Integrity     | 33. Mule        |
| 8. Alert       | 21. Destructive   | 34. Correction  |
| 9. Person      | 22. Challenge     | 35. Hard        |
| 10. Apply      | 23. Grace         | 36. Respond     |
| 11. Comforter  | 24. Convicts      | 37. Cooperation |
| 12. Subjective | 25. Redemptive    |                 |
| 13. Avoid      | 26. Serve         |                 |