

# THE SPIRIT

**Galatians 5:13-18 (ESV)** *For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. <sup>14</sup> For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>15</sup> But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. <sup>16</sup> But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.*

**FORCED** Love = Freedom gets us to participate due to **OBLIGATION**

**FREE** Love = Freedom leads us to see love as an **OPPORTUNITY**

**Galatians 5:19-24 (ESV)** *Now the **works of the flesh** are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, division, <sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup> And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.*

Works of the Flesh	Fruit of the Spirit
Sexual immorality/impurity/sensuality	Love
Idolatry	Joy
Sorcery	Peace
Enmity/strife	Patience
Jealousy/envy	Kindness
Fits of anger	Goodness
Rivalries/dissensions/divisions	Faithfulness
Drunkenness	Gentleness
Orgies	Self-control

**Galatians 5:25-26 (ESV)** *If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. <sup>26</sup> Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.*

## Spirit Stealers

Warning 1: Do not become **SELF-FOCUSED**

Warning 2: Do not **PROVOKE**

Warning 3: Do not **ENVY**

## Spirit Helpers

**Ephesians 2:19-22 (ESV)** *So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup>built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, <sup>21</sup> in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup> In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.*

Helper 1: **IDENTITY** – know who you are!

**Ephesians 3:14-15 (ESV)** *For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.*

Helper 2: **PRAYER** – bow your knees!

**Ephesians 3:16-21 (ESV)** *...that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup> may have **strength to comprehend** with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup> and to **know the love** of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. <sup>20</sup> Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*

Helper 3: **TRUTH** – deposits into hearts and minds so you will know

**Ephesians 4:1-3 (ESV)** *I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup> with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup> eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*

Helper 4: **UNITY** – disruption here disturbs the Spirit

Ask yourself: What's at **STAKE**?