

In order to walk in the spirit, our spirit must become active so that it is communing with God. The Holy Spirit quickens the living word to us, so that we are receiving revelation on how to move in the spirit

To walk in the spirit means that we are yielding to the Holy Spirit so that He can move in us and through us.

The word walk refers to the whole of all our activities. To walk in the spirit means that we allow the Holy Spirit to govern our life, giving us the motivation, the right attitude, allowing Him to direct our thinking. We are exposing ourselves to God, to allow Him to influence us. We are drinking of His Spirit, partaking of His nature so that it rises up in us in order to move us in the direction He will lead.

As we partake of the Spirit we are filled with the Spirit, we come under His influence so that our emotions are energized by His Spirit. Our emotions are basically what energizes us and motivates us; the joy of the Lord is our strength. If we don't feel any joy, we take up our cross and do the will of God anyway for the joy set before us.

There are times when our emotions are energized by the Spirit and times when our emotions are contrary as we die to self.

As we partake of the Spirit, the Spirit quickens the word and we receive revelation from the Spirit which flows out of our

spirit. It is as we are communing with the Spirit that we are receiving revelation from the Spirit. If revelation is not flowing we act on the words of God that we have already received and walk in them.

To walk in the Spirit is to walk in the divine nature of God which is the fruit of the Spirit. The fruit of the Spirit is the eternal life of God; it can be compared to the sap or life force in a tree. It is as we are abiding in the Spirit or the vine that the life flow of the Spirit moves in our heart, influencing our actions.

In order to walk in the Spirit, we must learn how to abide in the Spirit. To abide in the Spirit we must be looking to the Spirit. This requires a focused attitude of listening and seeking to be led by the Spirit. We are looking to the Lord continually in order to walk with Him. What should I do? What should I Say? We are looking to the Lord to respond in Him to our life-circumstances. To walk with God means we are allowing His Spirit to live through us.

To walk in the spirit we need to learn how to activate the fruit of the Spirit, so that it starts flowing in our lives. When our spirit is communing with God, the fruit of the spirit is manifested in our life. We need to learn how to be aware of our spirit, when our spirit is awake or activated our soul will become aware of these different qualities of God's nature in it.

To walk in the spirit, means that our spirit is in fellowship with God's Spirit and this becomes the new motivation of our life. Instead of living from our soul, we are living from our spirit. We make decisions based on our spirit in fellowship with God instead of decisions based on self.

The fruit of the Spirit is manifested in our relating to God and other people. The fruit of the spirit comes out of our spirit towards others.

Gal 5: ²²But the fruit (that which originates or comes from something, an effect, result, work, act, deed, thought, feeling, the fruit of the vine or tree) *of the Spirit is love* (affection, good will, benevolence, seeing the need and meeting it)

The divine nature is basically the Love of God which is on a higher level than the human love we have experienced. As we begin to experience the divine nature of God all the other aspects of His love are manifested with it. We experience the other eight aspects of His nature listed here, and also whatever human word the Lord will give us to describe his nature or glory. His nature is basically his love and all the other fruit that comes out of it, and no human word can describe this glory that we have the privilege to partake of. God shares His glory with His beloved; we are the crown of His creation and get to participate in His nature.

This love is the exact opposite of being self-centered. It is all about Him, He is the reason we exist. We were created to

glorify Him and worship Him and in so doing-partake of His nature.

The love of God is what is to move us and motivate us and control us, because this is what we willing desire. We Hunger and thirst for this, to be filled with all the fullness of God.

The Love of God starts flowing in our heart as we learn how to focus on God, the reason we have difficulty during the day is because our focus was distracted from the Lord on to something else. As we learn how to keep our spirit focused on God pressing into Him, then with the mind we can do what we need to do while our spirit is still in active fellowship with God. As long as our spirit is connecting with God, then we have control over what we are thinking and can bring our thoughts into harmony with the spirit of Christ in us.

To walk in the spirit we have to learn how to tune into the Love of God. We can feel the love of God in our heart when we learn how to look with compassion on people. Our spirit is directly related to our will, and as we will to love someone then our spirit responds drawing upon the Love of God, where our soul can feel the flow of it.

We put God first and acknowledge Him, and then we love others as if they were our self. We make our self available For God's Spirit to use, because He has chosen to work through us and then we focus on His family and those who are being called

into it. In the losing of our life by focusing on the Father and His family we find our life.

, *joy* (joy, gladness, the joy received from being in the Lord's presence, the cause or occasion of joy, of persons who are one's joy),

The joy of God comes from being aware of His Spirit. The joy of the Lord strengthens us for what he has called us to do. When our spirit is fellowshiping with God we will be aware of this joy which is manifested in degrees, but we can tell it is there.

peace (peace between individuals, harmony, concord, security, safety, prosperity, felicity, tranquility) persons, endurance, constancy, steadfastness, perseverance, forbearance, slowness in avenging wrongs),

In learning how to walk with God the peace of God is like an umpire of our heart. This peace is a fruit of our spirit in fellowship with God and can be felt in our soul, but down deep it will be there. This peace is like a witness of the spirit, and we should not move or do something, unless we can discern that the peace of God is in our spirit about it.

When our soul is troubled we must pause and try and discern our spirit so that we can receive God's direction.

longsuffering, (a self restraint of the mind before it gives room to passion or action, it is patience in respect to persons)

We know that we have come into a walk in the spirit when this fruit is being manifest in our life. Longsuffering is always directed towards people. We have all fallen short of Gods glorious nature and we need to realize in our dealings with other people that they are spiritually sick. We do not focus on their flesh, but realize that any manifestation of the flesh in them is a result of their spirit not being enlightened or their not being in contact with God's Spirit. When someone crosses us, we tune into the love of God which wants to beautify them, and not focus on their flesh which is a result of not being in tune with God's wisdom. The end of all flesh is at hand, these manifestations will not exist in the kingdom once it is established in the natural realm, so instead of responding in our self and getting upset, we respond in the spirit knowing the judgment of God rests upon these manifestations and we desire the person to be free from it through the gift of repentance. We need God's wisdom and love in dealing with people because we represent Him, and it manifests in the fruit of longsuffering.

gentleness (it is a grace which persuades the whole nature, mellowing all which would be harsh and austere, it is descriptive of one's disposition and not necessarily the acts of goodness, it is the harmlessness of the dove. Moral goodness, integrity, benignity, kindness),

In dealing with people our spirit needs to be filled with this gentleness. A fruit of the wisdom of God's nature is the gentleness of His wisdom. Our self nature or soul has a built in ego, and gets easily offended. In correcting people they need to really know that we love them, and are trying to help them.

goodness (character energized expressing active good, uprightness of heart and life, goodness, kindness)

In dealing with people we do not just want to speak in the spirit, but give in the spirit. We need to actively show them how good God is in meeting needs in active service

, *faith* (conviction of the truth, the Lord opening our eyes to see, faith is the acceptance of divine revelation, the God given ability to trust his word, which results in his faithfulness operating in our lives, fidelity, faithfulness, the character of one who can be relied on)

In dealing with people our faith needs to be active in our believing for them and our actions toward them, it is as they see our faithfulness that they begin to open up to us.

²³*Meekness* (it is a fruit of power, a condition of mind and heart, it is the opposite of self-assertiveness and self-interest, it is not occupied with self at all, submissive of injury with patience-without resentment),

In our walking in the spirit we learn how to totally depend upon the Spirit of God and it manifests in this spirit of

meekness. When we are continually looking to the Lord, we don't speak out of our self or lean upon our knowledge.

temperance (self-control -the virtue of one who masters his desires and passions, esp. his sensual appetites, temperance-moderation in action, thought, feeling)

It is in the outworking of the nature of God in us, the maintaining of a right spirit with Him, a spiritual condition, that we have the power of the Spirit to bring the whole of our life into submission to Him.

: *against* ("in accordance with") *such there is no law* (restraint).

The law was made for the unrighteous, as we grow in the divine nature we enter into an oneness with the Spirit where no law is necessary because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts, and our only desire is to please God, and see other people's needs met, as they are coming into the fullness of the Spirit. As we become God centered, He is able to fill us with Himself. The law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus is the law of the divine nature producing the fruit of the Spirit of God in us which abides forever. There is no law against having too much of God in our lives. We cannot have too much of God's love, joy and peace because what we cannot contain will flow out to others.

Our soul is religious by nature, so we have to work with the Holy Spirit, we cannot do what only the Holy Spirit can do. **Our soul or ego does not want to die quietly and it will focus on the pain or try to glory in the overcoming of something.** Our ego is subtle and will talk us into believing that we have died to something, when the seed of it is still in our heart. This is why we work out our soul salvation with fear and trembling, we have no confidence in our self, but total dependence upon the Holy Spirit until He witness to our spirit that we are free through His displacing the problem with Himself.

When we try to overcome something in our self, we become preoccupied with what we are not. When we learn how to live in Christ we become preoccupied with Him. The more we become alive unto God, the more we are automatically dead to self.

To walk in the spirit, we have to deny our self. We have to bring our will, mind and emotions under submission to our spirit. **Our spirit has a voice, our spirit will have to say no to our soul from time to time, and the soul will have to submit to it.**

Our spirit must be disciplined to take our thoughts captive: our spirit says no I am not thinking that, and we tell our mind what the word of God says concerning it. No, I am not thinking that, I'm thinking about this. By our spirit we set our minds on the word of God. By our spirit we set our minds on the word of

God. We have to set our minds on the word until it becomes a mind set-our mind naturally drifts to it.