

Walking With The Spirit

(Galatians 5:16-26)

Introduction

A) A part of basic training is marching. Soldiers stand shoulder to shoulder and walk in step with one another as a leader calls a cadence or, in ceremony, music dictates the cadence.

For some it seems pointless, monotonous, and without purpose.

However, marching teaches discipline, cohesion, dedication and unit functionality.

In other words, marching in step with one another has real purpose.

The key to successful marching is listening to the one calling out the commands (right turn, left turn, column right, column left).

B) Contextualize Galatians 5:16-26

C) Contextualize this sermon in the series.

I. The Command to Walk With The Spirit

Principle: *In order to fully realize new life in Christ, a believer must walk in step with the Holy Spirit.*

There are three types of people mentioned in this passage . . .

A) Those that do not possess the Spirit.

B) Those that possess the Spirit.

C) Those that the Spirit possesses.

(This group is allowing the Holy Spirit to call the cadence of their life.)

II. The Caution About The Competing Voice (v. 17, 19-21)

Principle: *In order to fully realize new life in Christ, a believer must learn to break step with the flesh.*

A) The nature of the flesh (v. 17)

B) The cadence of the flesh (v. 17)

C) The consequence of the flesh (v. 19-21)

1) Sexual sins (v. 19)

2) Superstitious sins (v. 20)

3) Social sins (v. 20-21)

III. The Nature of Walking in the Spirit (v. 18)

(Principle: Walking in the Spirit involves both the guidance and governing of the Spirit.)

A) Guided by the Spirit

- 1) Broadly
- 2) Specifically

B) Governed by the Spirit

**** The proof that we are walking in the spirit is the production of fruit in our life (v. 22-23).***

IV. The Keys to Walking In The Spirit

A) Requires an investment

(Walking in the Spirit requires a life-long investment in the Word of God.)

B) Involves a relationship

(Walking in the Spirit requires a life-long effort to development of a relationship with God.)

C) Necessitate diligence

(Walking with the Spirit requires life-long diligence toward the goal of walking in the Spirit.)

Conclusion