

The Holy Spirit:
THE Key to Living a Faithful Christian Life

Part 1: Depend on the Holy Spirit's Power

Galatians 5:16-18

I. Living a faithful Christian life requires
that we walk by the Spirit (v.16a)

Three specific ways the Holy Spirit works in the life of a Christian:

1. He enables us to understand the things of God; the truth of Scripture.

The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. (1 Cor.2:14)

The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. (1 Cor.2:14)

Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. (1 Cor.2:12)

Three specific ways the Holy Spirit works in the life of a Christian:

1. He enables us to understand the things of God; the truth of Scripture.
2. He convicts us of sin.

Jesus said that one of the Holy Spirit's main jobs is to convict people of their sin – John 16:7-9

Three specific ways the Holy Spirit works in the life of a Christian:

1. He enables us to understand the things of God; the truth of Scripture.
2. He convicts us of sin.
3. He gives us the desire and ability to do God's will.

For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. (Phil. 2:13).

A thorough search of church history would undoubtedly confirm that most believers who lean heavily on . . . subjective impressions end up embarrassed, confused, disappointed, and frustrated.

- John MacArthur

II. Living a faithful Christian life requires that we say no to the desires of our sinful nature. (v.16b)