

ABOVE THE LAW

"The Spirit's Control"

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Freedom in Boundaries – "The Rigidity of the Law is replaced with the Guiding of the Holy Spirit"

Galatians 5:16-26 (pg. 703 SCC Bible)

Battle for Control
(v.16-18)

Directed by the Spirit vs. Follow the Sinful Nature

Freedom comes from being Directed by the Spirit

Weeds or Trees
(v. 19-21)

Follow Sinful Desires = The Problem

Results = The Symptoms

Problem leads to...Will not inherit the Kingdom of God

Solution = A life that is Guided by the Spirit Bears Fruit
(v. 22-23)

Live Above the Law
(v. 24-26)

- Give Life to Jesus Christ
- Follow the Spirit's Leading
- Nail sinful passions and desires to the Cross

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Questions

1. Read Galatians 5:22-23: Who do you know that lives the fruit of the spirit in their life? How do you know this?
2. How do you battle the two forces – satisfying the sinful nature/passions and being directed by the Holy Spirit?
3. Which one is winning today? Why?
4. Is there a particular "symptom" of living for the sinful passions that you have the most battle with? How can living the spirit led life help you?
5. Where have you seen the fruit of the spirit in your life?

Scripture

Read John 15:1-17

- Are you connected to the true grapevine? If not, what is holding you back?
- Where are you being pruned (or need to be pruned) to bear fruit?
- How does remaining in Jesus love help us to "obey" His Commandments?

Application:

1. Have you been released from the slavery to sin?
2. What can I do to "love each other" today?
3. Have I relied on the leading of the Spirit to bear fruit in my life?

Going Deeper...

For discussion or personal study