# WALKING IN THE SPIRIT

## GALATIANS 5:16-17

1. **THE APOSTLE PROVIDES AN EMPHATIC ASSURANCE THAT WALKING IN THE SPIRIT IS THE ANTIDOTE TO THE DANGER OF USING LIBERTY AS A BASE OF OPERATION FOR THE FLESH (5:16)**
   1. Christians Usually Have One Of Two Responses To That Assurance  
      1. Younger Believers Typically Want To Learn More About The Dynamics Of It
      2. Older Believers Very Often Acknowledge The Scripture To Be True But Lament That This Has Not Been Their Personal Experience
   2. Nevertheless, This Assurance Is Stated In The Inerrant Scripture In The Most Emphatic Way Possible  
      1. Paul Here Uses The Most Powerful Combination For A Double Negative
      2. Compare This Construction With Other Similar Statements
         1. Matthew 5:18
         2. John 10:28
         3. Hebrews 13:5
2. **THE APOSTLE PROVIDES AN EXPLANATION, NOT NECESSARILY HOW THIS WORKS, BUT WHY THIS WORKS (5:17-18)**
   1. Let's Begin With A Process Of Elimination  
      1. Paul Is Careful Not To Explain It In Terms Of Anything We Are Doing Ourselves
      2. Paul Is Careful Not To Explain It In Terms Of The Influence Or Lack Of Influence Of Others
   2. Walking In The Spirit Works Because The Holy Spirit Is The Greater Entity Within The Constant, Inherent & Unalterable Antagonism Between Himself And Our Flesh [Sin Nature] (5:17)