

PureMen

PureMen Bible Study – Session 15 – 2/9/11

Something To Thank the Lord For?

Recite Memory Verse (Romans Phil 4:8)

Session Title:

Dominated, Controlled, and Guided!



Q: What does it really mean to “walk in the Spirit?”

- “To walk in the Spirit means that a person’s life is dominated, controlled, and guided by the Holy Spirit.” - p. 226

Review Study Questions from Chapter Fourteen – *Walking in the Spirit*

- Question 1
- Question 2
 - ✓ The answer to conquering the lusts of the flesh is the Holy Spirit of God!
 - ✓ The believer is to walk in the *presence* and *power* of the Holy Spirit. It is the only conceivable way he can keep from fulfilling the lusts of the flesh.
 - ✓ Agree or disagree with the following statement: *In his own ability, no man has the power to control the lusts of the flesh. AGREE! Why?*
 - Galatians 5:17 “*For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.*”
 - The flesh fights for *dominance*. It lusts against the Spirit, struggles, and fights to *control the man*. Kind of like a constant tug-of-war. The truth is that our only hope to control the flesh is the Spirit of God.

- **Lasciviousness** – filthiness, indecency, open shamelessness; giving in to unrestrained evil thoughts and behaviors; giving in to brutish and lustful desires; no restraint on sin
- **Idolatry** – the worship of idols, whether mental or made by hands; the giving of one’s primary devotion (time and energy) to something other than God.
- **Witchcraft** – sorcery; the use of drugs or evil spirits to gain control over the lives of others or over one’s own life.
- **Hatred** – enmity, hostility, animosity; a hatred that lingers and is held for a long time; hatred deep within.
- **Variance** – strife, discord, contention, fighting, quarreling, dissension.
- **Emulations** – jealousy, wanting and desiring to have what someone else has. My be material things, recognition, honor, position.
- **Wrath** – bursts of anger, indignation, a violent explosive temper.
- **Seditions** – division, rebellion, standing against others.
- **Heresies** – rejecting fundamental beliefs of God, Christ, the Scriptures, and the church; believing and holding to some teaching other than the truth.
- **Envy** – this word goes beyond jealousy – it is the spirit that wants not only things that another person has, but begrudges the fact that the person has them. They not only want those things taken away from the person, they want him to suffer through the loss of them.
- **Murders** – to kill, to take the life of another person.
- **Drunkenness** – taking drink or drugs to affect one’s senses for lust or pleasure; become tipsy or intoxicated; seeking to loosen moral restraint for bodily pleasure.
- **Revellings** – carousing, uncontrolled license, indulgence, and pleasure; taking part in wild parties or in drinking parties; lying around indulging in feeding of lusts of the flesh; orgies.

▪ Source: The Preachers Outline & Sermon Bible, Vol. II

p. 227 “A good gauge for a person to use to examine where he is spiritually is to examine his weakest point.”

▪ Question 6

- ✓ The key to walking in the Spirit is found in the words of Jesus...
- ✓ John 8:32,32 “Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, *If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; ³²And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*”
- ✓ On p.228, Gallagher states, “The very essence of the Christian experience is entering into and maintaining an intimate relationship with God.”
 - Agree?
 - If so, what are you doing to develop and maintain this intimate relationship with the Lord?

- ✓ **How do you start to develop a better prayer life?**
 - It begins with a firm conviction that prayer is an essential part of daily life.
 - Do you believe this?
 - Realize that something must be sacrificed to develop this prayer life – perhaps sleep, tv, hobby, etc.
 - What are you willing to give up to better develop your prayer life?
 - According to Gallagher – determine your style, when, how much time.
 - **Start small** – it will take time to develop this discipline in your life – starting too big (pray for one hour a day in the morning) may lead to discouragement and giving up when you start missing this commitment.

- ✓ **Q:** Anyone want to share their “Plan of Action” for their prayer life?

- ✓ **Alternative Question** – Have someone describe their “typical” daily prayer time.
 - **Use of Prayer Journal**

- Question 7 & 8
 - What is the solution to the damage that has been caused? **Sincere repentance and immersion into the Word of God.**
 - According to Gallagher, how are we to approach the Word of God? **Humbly!** (p.233)
 - **Hebrews 4:12** *“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”*

- Question 10
 - Pg. 235

- Question 11
 - Develop a similar “plan” for bible “reading” (read, study, meditate, memorize, etc.) as was outlined for prayer.

If time, review Question 1,2 from **Section: Personal Examination**

Testimonies? Close in PRAYER!

