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A New Person in Power
Galatians 5:16-26

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed, by their Creator, with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.

Review: Life, liberty, happiness are gifts of God.

Life and new life are gifts from God.

John 10:10 *I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.*

Freedom and Liberty are gifts of God.

John 8:36 *So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.*

Real happiness, lasting joy are gifts of God.

John 15:11 *These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.*

How can I receive life, liberty and happiness?

I. _____ to Create Life, Liberty and Happiness.

Gal. 5:16-18 *But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. 17 For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law.*

- Flesh = _____

So, what does it look like to walk by the Spirit?

II. _____ of Life, Liberty and Happiness.

Gal. 5:19-21 *Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, 21 envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.*

Gal. 5:22-24 *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. 24 Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.*

Answer: _____ by the Spirit

Gal. 5:25-26 *If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. 26 Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another.*

Point: _____

How? _____

Luke 11:13 *If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?*

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. Who it is that rules my life?
2. What fruit / deeds do my life produce? What fruit do other people see in my life? Immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these? Or love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control?



What are the first steps to move forward in faith?

1. Read the Bible and ask the Spirit to help you apply it to your life. (Todd's Suggestion - If you have never read the Bible start in the Gospel of Luke in a contemporary translation. NASB, NIV, ESV, NRSV)
2. Join a small group that deals with the application of Biblical truth to life.
3. Try to share your faith with someone else. (Sharing what you believe helps you better understand and apply truth to life and it is a blessing to others.)
4. Find a place where you can serve Jesus without any public recognition. (Serving without seeking earthly reward helps us to allow Jesus to be Lord, dethrones other masters in our lives, and puts us in position to receive greater gifts from God.)
5. Read *The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life* - by Hannah Whitall Smith

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