



**Series:** Thriving in Grace

**Passage:** Galatians 5:19-26, 1 Thess 5:18-19

**Title:** Experiencing the Spirit Led Life Part 3

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**Discussion Starter** – What is the best gift you ever received? How did you respond? What made it memorable (was it unexpected, much needed, personally important, extravagant?) Has your opinion of valuable gifts changed as you have matured?

### **Read Galatians 5:19-26**

1. What understanding of our interaction with law or Spirit can we gain by observing the terms WORKS of the law compared to the FRUIT of the Spirit?
2. What additional understanding can be gained by the other language Paul uses in verses 16 and 18, (FULFILL the lusts of the flesh and UNDER the law versus WALK and LED by the Spirit)?
3. How were we delivered from this evil age and the lust of the flesh, (Galatians 1:4)? How are we told to grow into maturity, (Galatians 3:3)?
  - a. What does it mean to be made perfect? Does your vision or goal of maturity coincide with God's plan for you?
  - b. What choices can you make to better cooperate with His goal for you, (or at least not resist His working)?

### **Read Lamentations 3:1-2 and 21-25**

4. How does Jeremiah describe his recent experience with God in the beginning of the chapter?
5. What is the foundation of Jeremiah's hope and rejoicing? What holds higher value for Jeremiah, present circumstances or future promises?
  - c. What promises has God made to you? How can you rejoice in them when current circumstances are difficult or seem to be contrary?

### **Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-19**

6. What is God's will for you according to these short verses?
7. How does continual rejoicing, prayer, and thankfulness direct our attention to things that are eternal and unseen, (2 Cor 4:18), set our minds on things above, (Col 3:2), transform our mind, (Rom 12:2), and to look to Jesus, (Heb 12:2)?
  - d. What practical steps can you take to embrace 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 in your daily life? How can you embrace the command, "in everything give thanks"?
8. What do you think can be implied by observing that verse 19 follows verse 18? What is the result of ungratefulness?
9. What is the inevitable mark of the person who lives a Spirit-led life?
10. Read Psalm 103. What reasons does the writer give to be thankful to God?