



Series: Thriving in Grace
Passage: Galatians 5:16-6:2
Title: Experiencing the Spirit Led Life Part 4
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Discussion Starter – Have you ever witnessed a situation where a voluntary act of service began with a humble, altruistic offer and evolved into a role to be held and defended as a personnel position (perhaps as a room mom, or youth sports coach)? Does this behavior occur within the community of believers?

Read Galatians 5:16-18

1. In what ways are the nouns of verse 17, flesh and Spirit, said to be contrary to one another?
2. How are the verbs of verse 18, **led** by the Spirit and **under** law, contrasted? What does it mean to be under law?
3. Does this specifically refer to the law of Moses? What other law may be in view?

Read Galatians 5:19-25

4. Review the works of the flesh, (verse 19-21). Describe how each descriptor is a self-centered indulgence, or dismissive of any interests of others.
5. Review the fruit of the Spirit, (verse 22-23). Describe how these descriptors are based upon and require an interaction with others.
 - a. What characteristics of your church community can make it an effective “training ground” to exercise and harvest the Spirit’s fruit?
 - b. Why is a Spirit led person compelled to cultivate Christ centered fellowship?

Read Galatians 5:26- 6:2 and 1 Corinthians 10:12

6. What are the three warnings given in Galatians 5:26? Why are these listed separately from the works of the flesh above?
7. How do 1 Corinthians 10:12 and Galatians 6:26 describe a similar warning to?
 - c. Why is this warning given to those who apparently are not overtly living according to the works of the flesh? Can we become conceited, provoking, and envious even in our “good deeds” of service?
 - d. Can Spirit led values become a divisive standard of comparison between believers?
8. How is restoration (6:1) contrasted with the verbs of 5:26? To whom is the charge of restoration given?
9. What temptation is Paul warning against in 6:2?
10. How does Paul describe the priority of koinina fellowship where people participate in other’s lives and promote unity and restoration above standards of performance. How does performance-based religion undermine transparent, Christ-centered fellowship?