

HOW TO WALK MORE CLOSELY WITH YAHUAH

"I say then:

Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh;

and these are contrary to one another,

so that you do not do the things that you wish.

But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like;

of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past,

THAT THOSE WHO PRACTICE SUCH THINGS WILL NOT INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF ELOHIM.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

Against such there is no law.

And those who are Messiah's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another."

Galatians 5:16-26

Verse 17 says

"For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh;

and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish."

This is the conflict. The Spirit and the flesh are against each other. They are contrary to one another. Both sides are trying to get you to yield to them individually. The flesh wants you to be led by it and the Holy Spirit wants you to be led by It as well. And they are fighting against each other so that you do not do the things that you wish. Meaning if you are trying to walk in the Spirit, following Yahuah, your flesh is being provoked and trying to get you off that walk, so you are no longer walking in the Spirit. And in the contrary, when you are walking in the flesh, the Spirit is being provoked and trying to get you back on your walk with Him and move you away from the flesh.

The problem that many of us have in life is that we are yielding more to the flesh than the Spirit. The more we yield to the flesh, the less power we are giving to the Spirit, so though the Spirit may be speaking to you and trying to get your attention to not do certain things, because you are yielding to the flesh more, you aren't able to recognize the Spirit speaking to you, tugging at your heart.

Verse 18 says
“But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.”

If you are led by the Spirit, you are already being led by the commandments. When not being under the Law, this means that you are not under the Law in regards to atonement, which is about sin offerings and trespass offerings. This is because you are now under the covering of Yahusha through His atonement. This verse should never be used as a justification for lawless because always remember that Paul himself, the one who wrote this, he kept the Law.

WORKS OF THE FLESH

Verses 19 through 21 cover the works of the flesh.
Let's review what it says:

“Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are:
adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred,
contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions,
dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like;
of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past,
that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of Elohim.”

Remember verse 21 because it says that

“THOSE WHO PRACTICE SUCH THINGS WILL NOT INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF ELOHIM”

Adultery

Adultery is voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and a person who is not his or her spouse. This is when you cheat on your spouse. Maybe a lot of you say, well I'm in the clear from this because I'm not married. This is not true because of the next one.

Fornication

This is sexual intercourse between people not married to each other. For younger kids this does not mean you can engage in all other activity just as long as there is no intercourse. Marriage is what is needed and accepted. This does not mean having a whole big wedding ceremony but simply taking vows and promises to each other and to Yahuah in front of witnesses.

Uncleanness

This is being dirty, filthy, morally and/or spiritually impure. This is basically following the ways of Satan more than the ways of Yahuah. Following the satanic doctrine of "Doing what thou wilt" Doing what you want. If you are morally and spiritually impure you are completely giving into your flesh on multiple issues. It involves many actions, not just our moral actions, but accepting things that our Father has deemed as unclean.

For instance, the dietary laws speak about foods that are clean and unclean.

The Torah speaks about many things that makes us clean and unclean.

You cannot live your life and not focus on what our Father has said on these things.

Lewdness

The quality of being very sexual or lustful in an offensive way. We must be very careful interacting with society today because things have become completely oversexualized and lewd. Things that were once offensive just a few decades ago are now simply just the norm. And this is not even in the minds of the youth, but in the minds of the adults. Be mindful of this. Be mindful of your social media posts. How you dress. How revealing you are. The things you say and the ways you act, even if they are just in jest, a joking manner. Lewdness is a problem for a strong majority of professing Christians in the western world in particular.

Do not practice this.

Idolatry

This is extreme admiration, love, or reverence for something or someone, but putting it even simpler ***it's anything we place in more importance than of Yahuah***. It can be money, family, friends, career goals, social media likes, traveling, health, many different things. Don't be an idolater. This is a huge problem for many. Most people put themselves before YAH and they don't see it. Their life and purpose is all about them feeling more comfortable and getting what they want, so they must have certain things even if that means putting aside Yahuah in certain instances. Idolatry is a huge reason why many people will not inherit the Kingdom. Make sure you take this one very seriously.

Sorcery

This is the use of magic, especially white & black magic. Be mindful of this. Magic and spells are pushed to us very subtly. Like through the power of visualization or techniques of alchemy. You might think that you do not perform magic or spells, but it's because it has been marketed to you as being harmless or not actually magic. Sorcery is very deep. Many things you would not even think of having to do with magic is rooted in sorcery.

Hatred

This is intense dislike or ill will. Don't hate your enemies. Love and pray for your enemies. This can be a very hard one especially when dealing with family and friends that have proven to be an enemy. We can't be the salt of the earth if we act like everyone else. Loving our enemies is one of the things that makes us different.

Contentions

These are heated disagreements. Yelling back & forth. How are people able to know you walk in love if you argue all the time. Be careful of this because as you gain strength in your walk, the devil likes to throw people at you that will provoke you in these contentious debates and discussions, especially while you are online. Then we look like hypocrites and are walking in our flesh and the devil wins. Beware of this because many of us just chalk this up to being on fire for Yahuah but His word tells us this is an act of the flesh not of His Spirit.

Jealousies

This is the state of being envious. This is a big part of depression today with people online. You look at other people and start wanting what they have. They're life, their possessions, their girlfriend or boyfriend. Be careful of this. Don't envy anyone and be happy with what the Father has provided you with. If you are a good steward with it, He may reward you with more.

Outbursts of wrath

This is pretty self-explanatory. When you get upset and you react out in anger and hostility. This comes from walking in anger and bitterness in your heart. You need to let things go and not ever act in wrath.

Selfish ambitions

This is another trait that's taught to us today as a normal way of thinking so that we can get ahead in life. This is looking out for ourselves first. Putting ourselves first. It's like Make America Great Again but on a personal scale. Forget the less fortunate and take care of yourself. In this it really is about putting yourself first over what Yahuah desires for you to do. You desire certain things for your life and you have made that your goal over everything else. It's all about you. The root of this goes back to idolatry.

Dissensions

These are disagreement that leads to discord. You might question and think that this is the same as contentions, so why is it listed? Understand, contentions are heated disagreements. Dissensions don't have to be heated and angry, but the result still is the same which is discord. Maybe you don't do this directly, but you are a gossip and talk behind others backs. Beware of this behavior. This is an act of the flesh. Social media is one of the tools that people are able to engage in this behavior the most because the things people would not say to a person in their face, they feel emboldened that they can do it online, just to create an issue and sow dissensions. Don't be one of these people.

Heresies

These are belief or opinions contrary to the Word of Elohim. So maybe you believe in Yahusha, but then you have a slight variation to the scriptures because you don't believe it was meant to say that. You will be guilty of heresy. This is a plague of Christianity today. That's why there are so many different doctrines and different denominations. Let me make it plain and simple. Stick to the scriptures only and do not lean on your own understandings. Do not add or take away from the Word of Elohim.

Envy

This is just like jealousies. This is a feeling of discontent or resentful longing aroused by someone else's possessions, qualities, or luck. Don't be envious or covetous. These feelings are dangerous, and they lead us to deeper sin, because in order to get those things you are envying and being covetous of, the devil will swoop in with his solutions that lead you directly away from Yahuah. This is how people are led to sell their souls.

Murders

This is a simple one. Don't kill anyone. Being that our governmental laws also hold this up, this is something most people already understand.

Drunkenness

This is excessive drinking that leads to intoxication. This leads to you not being able to control yourself. If you can't control yourself, you leave the door open for the enemy to control you. You must be very careful with this which is why it is a best practice by many believers not to drink at all. This is not to say you can't have a drink, but you must be aware of your limits and not being in a state of drunkenness.

Revelries

These are lively and noisy festivities, especially when these involve drinking a large amount of alcohol. That's pretty much the main activity of the American youth on the weekend. Stay out of the club and those parties. Even if you are not drinking you should know that you are amongst many demons and they are anxious to attach themselves to you. Beware of revelries because western culture just makes it seem as if it is a normal way of life, but it is in fact, ways of the enemy that you walks you away from our Father.

If you keep your focus on these works of the flesh, though you may be eliminating many things you were once use to, you will also feel more cleansed and satisfied and closer to Yahusha.

These are all the works of the flesh and those that practice these things will not inherit the Kingdom of Elohim. Like I said, I'm not saying you won't fall and make mistakes. That's not reality. What I am saying is that if you are mindful of these works and try to remove them from your life and your walk. You will start seeing your walk with Yahusha being strengthened.

Fruits of the Spirit

Verses 21 & 22. They say:

**“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.
Against such there is no law.”**

You should memorize these. There are 9.

Love

This is an intense feeling of deep affection. You love the sinner, but hate the sin. You won't get through to someone through hate or anger. Walk in love. When you have this feeling and are acting through it, you will know it's the Spirit working in you. This isn't like when you love your spouse or family member. It's when someone you know is really bothering you, but you only have a feeling to respond in love and other fruits of the Spirit. Walk in love and you walk with YAH. Those that don't have love in their hearts, are easily seen to not have the influence of the Spirit in their lives.

Joy

This is a feeling of great pleasure and happiness. If you ever had bad things happen to you, but you still have joy in your heart, it's because you are yielding to the Holy Spirit and not allowing your flesh to react.

Peace

This is freedom from disturbance. This is something we all need and we all desire. This is something that the Holy Spirit provides. We need that Philippians 4:7 peace. That peace that passes all understanding. You only will have this when you yield to the Spirit and remove the flesh. Your flesh wants to remove this peace. It wants to distract you from it.

When you are going through storms, but still have peace,
you know you are walking and being led by the Spirit.

Longsuffering

This is having or showing patience in spite of troubles, especially those caused by other people. This is a show of patience even though things are working your last nerve. Seek the fruit of longsuffering and patience in your life and walk. It makes you a better person all around. Remember our Father has a great deal of longsuffering for us, so it is a slap in the face to say we love Him and we can't operate in the same way that He does with us.

Kindness

This is the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate. This is how we are to be, but so many Christians are the complete opposite. You ever meet some mean Christians? People that seem to not have an ounce of kindness for those that are not their own friends & family? They are completely allowing their flesh to win. That's their selfish ambitions, uncleanness, and idolatry showing through. Be kind to all that you are able to, even if at times it means you have to bite your tongue and may get used or taken advantage of sometimes. I'm not saying be a doormat but yield to the Spirit and He will guide you with this.

Goodness

This is the quality of being morally good or virtuous. This will probably be the beginning of understanding when you are yielding to the Spirit because often times, I hear direction to do this or not do that. Every time I would not listen, I would regret it. When you yield to being morally good and virtuous, not according to the ways of this world but according to scripture, you are being led by the Spirit. The more you do this, the stronger your relationship with Yahuah will be. Pay attention to this one.

Faithfulness

This is the quality of being faithful. Be faithful to the Father most of all. Faithful to His Word. Faithful to your family. Be a good steward over what you have been given and live your life through faith.

Gentleness

This is the quality of being kind, tender, or mild-mannered. This is needed especially when teaching on things of the Father. His ways and understandings cannot be taught through harshness, bitterness, or anger. It must be taught through gentleness and patience. Yield to this fruit.

Self-control

This is the ability to control oneself, in particular one's emotions and desires or the expression of them in one's behavior, especially in difficult situations. This is probably a big one that many lack. Not being able to control themselves. Not control their emotions, desires, behavior, especially when things get rough. When you display self-control, you are literally displaying the work of the Holy Spirit inside of you. If you have no self-control, then you will be taken advantage by the enemy. This is a huge fruit and you must work on having this one. This will make the other ones easier to display.

Verses 24 – 26 say

“And those who are Messiah’s have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.
If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.
Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.”

The goal is to display the fruits of the Spirits without thinking about it.
This means you are totally yielding to the Holy Spirit in your life because His fruits are being displayed without effort. But if you are anything like me, this will take time and work. But it must be something that you focus on and work at.
This is how you know if Yahuah is working inside of you or not.

Are you displaying more of the fruits of the flesh more than the fruits of the Spirit?

This is a question you need to ask yourself continuously. The better you get with it, the better you will get in walking away from sin and being a representative of Yahuah.

You must crucify the flesh with its passions and desires.

You must walk in the Spirit.

This is how you recognize the mighty work that He is trying to do inside of you.

Yield to His Spirit and reject the works of the flesh

If you focus on understanding this, then as you engage in your day-to-day life, you will be able to hold yourself accountable and see if you are being led by our Father more or is satan having more influence in you. You want to reduce your flesh. You want to make it so that His Spirit is working actively in you. So, if you start noticing that your life is filled more with the fruits of the flesh more than the Spirit, you now know that you have work to do. You must get your flesh better in line and yield more to our Father. This is how you recognize our Father in your life and how you know if you are representing Him or not. Use this as a way that you hold yourself accountable and you will see the more you measure yourself up to this, the more aligned to our Father you will be. Make sure you are letting the fruits of the Spirit have more influence in your life and you will prove to be an effective leader for our Father.

**Reject the fruits of the flesh,
and
Embrace the fruits of the Spirit!**

Be blessed! HalleluYAH! Praise YAH!

