

Reflecting the Principle through Self Evaluation
Life Principle #22

To walk in the Spirit is to obey the initial promptings of the Spirit.

Are you trying to live the Christian life
in your own strength and wisdom,
rather than by following the leadership of God's Holy Spirit?

When was the last time you felt the Holy Spirit's promptings?

How did you respond? Did you ignore Him because
you were unsure about where He was directing you?

Did He challenge your beliefs
or was He moving you to change your course?

We must stay yielded to the Holy Spirit and trust that
He will guide us. Think about your answers to the above questions.
Do you feel a peace in your heart about the way you have responded
to the Spirit's promptings. If not, pray about how you can yield.

What does the Holy Spirit do in our lives?

- Teaches and reminds us of what we've learned (John 14:26)
- Seeks to testify about Jesus rather than Himself (John 15:26)
- Convicts us of sin, righteousness, and judgment (John 16:8-13)
- Guides us into all truth (John 16:13)
- Glorifies Christ (John 16:14)
- Dwells within every believer (Rom. 8:11)
- Reveals the Lord's plans for us (Rom. 8:14)
- Assures us that we are children of God (Rom. 8:15-16)
- Equips us with spiritual gifts (1 Cor. 12:4, 7-8)
- Gives power, especially for evangelism (Acts 1:7-8)
- Intercedes for us (Rom. 8:26)
- Seals our salvation (Eph. 1:13)

What does it mean to walk in the Spirit?

This phrase means to live each moment dependent on the Holy Spirit, sensitive to His voice, and obedient to Him. **When the Spirit speaks to your heart, obey immediately.** Delayed obedience is disobedience. Sometimes it will become clear why the Holy Spirit directs us one way and not another. Other times, we may never know why. However, the wise man or woman will obey the Spirit's voice - He knows all things, including the future, and His guidance is always for our benefit.