

The Simple Christian Life
Galatians 5:18

Review

Verse 18: Led by the Spirit, not under the law

The Christian life is, simply, following the Spirit

- 1. Following the Spirit's leading is living in your freedom.**
- 2. Following the Spirit's leading sanctifies.**

3. Following the Spirit's leading _____.

Romans 7:6 *But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.*

4. Following the Spirit's leading is _____.

5. Following the Spirit's leading is _____.

6. Following the Spirit's leading is _____.

Galatians 4:6-7

2 Corinthians 1:22 *God has put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.*

7. Following the Spirit's leading sums up everything else.

John 16:7: *I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.*

Though simple, it is not _____.

Though simple, it is not simply following our _____ and _____.

Galatians 3:2-5

Conclusion:

“The Spirit [leads us] through *means*—through the objective means of grace, namely,

biblical truth, prayer, fellowship, worship, and the Lord’s Supper,

and with them through the subjective means of grace whereby we open ourselves to change [to being led!], namely,

thinking, listening, questioning oneself, examining oneself, admonishing oneself,

sharing what is in one’s heart with others, and weighing any response they make.

The Spirit shows his power in us, not by constantly interrupting our use of these means with visions, impressions, or prophecies ... (such communications come only rarely, and to some believers not at all), but rather by making these regular means effective to change us for the better and for the wiser as we go along.”

(J.I. Packer, cited in P.G. Ryken (2005) *Galatians*, pp.240-241)