

MARCH TO THE BEAT OF THE NEW RHYTHM.

Galatians 5:23b-26

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Keeping in step with the Spirit allows you to

- Grow in your relationship with both God and others – 5:23 *against such things there is no law.*
- Dominate what used to dominate you – 5:24 *And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.*
 - Love fulfills The Law – Galatians 5:14 *For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”*
 - Antinomians (anti-Law) – an early heretical group who taught, “If you’re a Christ-follower then you can do whatever you want.” Rather than, “If you’re a genuine Christ-follower, you’ll want to do what Christ wants.”
 - What about the Old Testament Law for us today? The Holy Spirit led the early New Testament church to adopt the moral standards of the Law while avoiding the practices of 1) eating meat sacrificed to idols; 2) sexual immorality; 3) eating what has been strangled; 4) drinking blood – Acts 15:19-20.

- Stick with your walk with Christ – 5:25 *If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.*

Q: How? – 5:26 *Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.*

- 1) Watch out for pride and conceit about how far you've come:
Remember that pride is the main ingredient in sin.
- 2) Watch out for the desire to provoke others: If your goal is to make disciples of all nations then avoid combativeness over non-essentials.
- 3) Watch out for envy: Remember we're on the same team.