



Walking with God

Journey Orientation

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Being Good is Hard

Romans 7:18 *I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature.*

For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.

19 For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing.

24 What a wretched man I am!

So what can we do?

There is a Solution

Romans 7:24 ...*Who will rescue me from
this body of death?*

*25 Thanks be to God—
through Jesus Christ our Lord!*

An Amazing Possibility

Romans 8:10 *But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness.*

11 *And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you. (NIV)*

Two Ways to Live

Romans 8:5 *Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires;*

but those who live in accord with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.

6 The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; (NIV)

Two Ways to Live

Romans 8:12 *Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation-- but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it.*

13 For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; (NIV)

Two Ways to Live

Rom 8:13 ...*but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, (NIV)*

How do we Live by the Spirit --Walk With God?

1. Join Christ's Family - bask in His love & acceptance. Receive His Spirit & power so you can really live.
2. Recognize Life's Choices & Consequences (*Flesh or Spirit - Death or Life*)
3. Train yourself to live by the Spirit - to tune in to and keep in step with the Spirit & your new heart's desires

Walking With God Training

1 Timothy 4:7 *...train yourself to be godly.*

8 *For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. (NIV)*

What God Provides for Training

1. Word of God
2. Spirit of God
3. People of God
4. Works of God

The Results to Expect

2 Corinthians 3:18 *And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. (NIV)*

Take away

Walking With God is a life-long journey of learning how to live out in our experience who we are through our new birth.

It is training ourselves to live by the Spirit not according to our flesh.

