

LIVE BY THE SPIRIT

PT 1 – UNDERSTANDING THE FLESHLY NATURE

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Theme verse – Gal 5:25 (NIV)

²⁵ *Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.*

1. The Christian's battle on two fronts:

- The spiritual realm
- The fleshly realm

2. The various aspects of the flesh:

- Defining the flesh
- The conflict between flesh and spirit – Gal 5:16-17 (Voice)
¹⁶ *Here's my instruction: walk in the Spirit, and let the Spirit bring order to your life. If you do, you will never give in to your selfish and sinful cravings. ¹⁷ For everything the flesh desires goes against the Spirit, and everything the Spirit desires goes against the flesh. There is a constant battle raging between them that prevents you from doing the good you want to do.*
- The flesh cannot receive revelation – 1 Cor 2:14 (NLT)
¹⁴ *But people who aren't spiritual^[a] can't receive these truths from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can't understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means.*
- The flesh cannot please God – Rom 8:7-8 (Voice)
⁷ *You see, a mind focused on the flesh is declaring war against God; it defies the authority of God's law and is incapable of following His path. ⁸ So it is clear that God takes no pleasure in those who live oriented to the flesh.*