

Final Title: The New Norm

Objectives

- Explain walking by the Spirit vs carry out the desire of the flesh
- Explain the difference between works of the flesh and fruit of the Spirit.
- Explain the difference between warning someone and condemning
- Explain what it means to keep in step with the Spirit

Intro

- Blake Swearingin-disciples making disciples
- **Slide: Baby-**The new norm
 - Finding your new norm, change is not easy, Start new routines,
 - Diets: super strict
 - New Schedule-

When we are trying to find our new norm we usually start off as strict so we can get used to our new routine.

Galatians: Paul is writing to new followers of Jesus who are trying to get used to their new norm

- Came to God through the Law for 2,000 years
 - After getting personal in the first 2 chapters to build credibility Paul teaches on the doctrine of the NEW Norm;
 - The new Norm is actually how we always interacted with God: Abraham the OG
 - The Law led us to Jesus
 - Jesus makes us heirs

Slide Galatians 5:16-17 I say then, walk by the Spirit and you will certainly not carry out the desire of the flesh. 17 For the flesh desires what is against the Spirit, and the Spirit desires what is against the flesh; these are opposed to each other, so that you don't do what you want. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

- Walking by the Spirit vs desire of the flesh
 - Walking the Spirit: God's perspective
 - Desire of the flesh: human perspective

1 Corinthians 2:10-12 Now God has revealed these things to us by the Spirit, since the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. **11** For who knows a person's thoughts except his spirit within him? In the same way, no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. **12** Now we have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who comes from God, so that we may understand what has been freely given to us by God.

- The flesh and the Spirit are not compatible.
- If you are led by the Spirit you are not under the law.

Slide: 19 Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, moral impurity, promiscuity, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatreds, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambitions, dissensions, factions, 21 envy, drunkenness, carousing, and anything similar. I am warning you about these things—as I warned you before—that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

- The works of the flesh are obvious!
- I am warning you about these things...
- Those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.
 - Practice

■ Who do we inherit the Kingdom of God?

1 Corinthians 15:50-52 What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor can corruption inherit incorruption. **51** Listen, I am telling you a mystery: We will not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed, **52** in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we will be changed.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control. The law is not against such things.

- Works of the flesh vs fruit of the Spirit.

24 Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

- The flesh has been crucified.
- Keep in step with the Spirit.

26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

- Do not compare and contrast yourself with others.