

## GALATIANS 5:16-18

**NIV**: “So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the **sinful nature**. For the **sinful nature** desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the **sinful nature**. They are in conflict with each other, *so that you do not do what you want*. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law.”

**KJV**: “This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the **flesh**. For the **flesh** lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the **flesh**: and these are contrary the one to the other: *so that ye cannot do the things that ye would*. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.”

**NKJV**: “I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the **flesh**. For the **flesh** lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the **flesh**; and these are contrary to one another, *so that you do not do the things that you wish*. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.”

**NLT**: “So I advise you to live according to your new life in the Holy Spirit. Then you won't be doing what your **sinful nature** craves. The **old sinful nature** loves to do evil, which is just opposite from what the Holy Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are opposite from what the **sinful nature** desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, *and your choices are never free from this conflict*. But when you are directed by the Holy Spirit, you are no longer subject to the law.”

**NJB**: “Instead, I tell you, be guided by the Spirit, and you will no longer yield to **self-indulgence**. The desires of **self-indulgence** are always in opposition to the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are in opposition to **self-indulgence**: they are opposites, one against the other; *that is how you are prevented from doing the things that you want to*. But when you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law.”

**NET**: “But I say, live by the Spirit and you will not carry out the desires of the **flesh**. For the **flesh** has desires that are opposed to the Spirit, and the Spirit has desires that are opposed to the **flesh**, for these are in opposition to each other, *so that you cannot do what you want*. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.”

**RSV:** “But I say, walk by the Spirit, and do not gratify the desires of the **flesh**. For the desires of the **flesh** are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the **flesh**; for these are opposed to each other, *to prevent you from doing what you would*. But if you are led by the Spirit you are not under the law.”

**NRSV:** “Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the **flesh**. For what the **flesh** desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the **flesh**; for these are opposed to each other, *to prevent you from doing what you want*. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law.”

**NASB:** “But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the **flesh**. For the **flesh** sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the **flesh**; for these are in opposition to one another, *so that you may not do the things that you please*. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law.”

**ESV:** “But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the **flesh**. For the desires of the **flesh** are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the **flesh**, for these are opposed to each other, *to keep you from doing the things you want to do*. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.”

**LITERAL:** But I say, walk by the Spirit and you will certainly not bring to completion the desire of the **flesh**. For the **flesh** desires against the Spirit, and the Spirit [desires] against the **flesh**, for these are opposed to one another, *in order that whatever you desire, these things you might not do*. And if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.”