



Walk By the Holy Spirit

Scripture: *“And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever---the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him, for He lives with you and will be with you.”*

John 14:16–17, 26

Galatians 5:16, 22–25; Romans 8:14

Jesus Is Speaking to You

When Jesus Christ called you to follow Him, He never intended for you to walk alone.

Understand, He knew there would be days when you would feel weak.

Days when you would need wisdom.

Days when you would long for comfort.

That is why He promised the Holy Spirit. He is not distant from you.

The Holy Spirit is God's gracious gift to help you know Christ more deeply, understand His Word more clearly, and faithfully walk in His ways.

You were never meant to live the Christian life in your own strength.

What Is Jesus Teaching You?

Now, don't miss this. The Holy Spirit does not draw attention to Himself.

He faithfully points your heart toward Jesus.

He reminds you of Jesus' words.

He helps you understand the Scriptures.

He gently convicts you when you begin to wander.

He produces within you what you could never produce on your own.

Love.

Joy.

Peace.

Patience.

Kindness.

Goodness.

Faithfulness.

Gentleness.

Self-control.

Understand, this beautiful fruit of the Spirit grows, as you remain close to Jesus Christ, and walk in step with the Holy Spirit.



The closer you remain to Jesus, the more room you give the Holy Spirit to shape your life into the likeness of Christ.

A Lie You May Be Believing

Maybe you've believed that growing spiritually depends mostly upon trying harder. Or maybe you've become discouraged because you see your weaknesses more clearly than your progress.

Now, don't miss this.

The Christian life has never been about striving in your own strength. It has always been about depending upon God.

The Holy Spirit is not asking you to become stronger without Him. He is inviting you to rely on Him every day.

What Difference Does This Make?

Everything begins to change when you stop asking, "**How can I do this on my own?**" and begin asking, "**Holy Spirit, help me follow Jesus today.**"

That simple prayer changes your perspective.

You become quicker to pray. Quicker to listen. Quicker to repent. Quicker to obey. Not because you have become self-sufficient.

But because you are learning to depend upon God's presence every step of the way.

As Jesus Christ becomes your lifestyle, walking by the Holy Spirit becomes the joyful rhythm of your life. He continually leads you back to Christ, shapes your heart by the Scriptures, and helps you become more like the Savior you love.

How Should This Shape the Way You Live?

As you begin today, don't ask, "**Can I handle everything that comes my way?**" Instead ask, "**Holy Spirit, help me walk closely with Jesus today.**"

Open your Bible. Spend time in prayer. Relax and listen with a humble heart.

When the Holy Spirit brings God's Word to your mind, respond with joyful obedience. Understand, He is faithfully leading you—not away from Christ, but ever closer to Him.

Remain close to Jesus.

The Holy Spirit delights in helping you do exactly that.



A Prayer

Father, thank You for sending the Holy Spirit.
Thank You that I never have to follow Jesus in my own strength.
Teach me to listen with humility, obey with joy, and depend upon You every day.
Help me remain faithful to Your Word and sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leading.

May my life increasingly reflect the character of Jesus Christ as I continue walking with Him.

In His name I pray. Amen.

An Invitation

Before you continue with your day, spend some time alone with the Lord.

Read today's Scriptures slowly.

Then pray, **"Holy Spirit, show me more of Jesus today, and help me faithfully obey what He teaches me through Your Word."**

Remain quiet before Him. Listen. Trust Him. Then take the next step He places before you.
Remain close to Jesus.

As you continue walking with Him, you'll discover that the Holy Spirit is faithfully helping you grow—not by drawing your attention to yourself, but by continually turning your eyes toward Christ. And as Jesus Christ becomes your lifestyle, you'll find that each day becomes another opportunity to walk in the strength God provides, to bear the fruit He produces, and to joyfully follow the Savior who loves you.