

Galatians 5:25

Keep in Step with the Spirit

Walk right ...

I. Simply Stated

A. Two Paths

B. One Spirit

II. Steady Steps

A. A Clear Path

B. Navigating Nuances

C. Seeking Specifics

... and He will guide you.

Children, Listen ...

1. Where does God give us directions on how to live for Him?
2. Why don't we always choose to do the things God tells us to do?
3. What are some things we can do if we have to make a big decision about something?

A Different Drum

God's people must not live life according to fleshly impulses or walk to the drumbeat of worldly mindedness. We are to march to the cadence of Scripture, well attuned to the prompting of the Holy Spirit. The two will never conflict. The path of the righteous is well defined in the Bible – the Holy Spirit helps us to embrace God's directives and empowers us to live by them. When we are tempted to stray from the Word and ignore the Holy Spirit, we are bound to stray from what is right and pleasing to God. To keep in step with the Spirit, in simple form, is simply to obey the Word. There will be times in life when we must make decisions about nuanced and confusing, but vitally important situations. In those cases, we should diligently seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit for those things through prayer. But if we have Scripture as our guiding principle for all things in life, we already have a phenomenal source of guidance. Our problem is usually a failure to put in to practice biblical precepts and principles that we know are right! Because of that, we need the Holy Spirit to help us appreciate what is right and prompt us to choose to *do* right, producing in us fruit which glorifies God, is good for our souls, and edifies the people around us.