

## Walking in Step with the Holy Spirit

Galatians 5:13-26

### Taking it Home:

1. Do you feel like you are currently ‘walking in step with the Spirit?’  
If not, what needs to change to help you ‘get moving?’
2. Read Charles Swindoll’s prayer daily throughout this week:

*“I am in the process, Lord, of fulfilling your will. I want to glorify your name. I belong to you. I pledge my allegiance to you today. Enable me in my walk to have the discernment to walk in obedience and not in disobedience, to sense wrong when I encounter it and to stay away from it. Keep me strong when temptations come. Guard my tongue from saying the wrong thing or saying too much or speaking too quickly. Enable me to restrain profanity and resist outbursts of anger. Lord help me in my walk. Fill me with your spirit. Take my eyes, take my tongue, take my emotions, take my will, and use me, Lord, because I want to be under your control on a continuing basis.”*

### Prayer Concerns:

### The responsibility of the Holy Spirit to *Lead*

### The responsibility of the Christian to *Walk*

1. Heart: Pursue serving others with \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Body: Aggressively \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Mind: Set my \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Will: Choose to continually \_\_\_\_\_.

### Spiritual breathing

Exhale - \_\_\_\_\_

Hold it - \_\_\_\_\_

Inhale - \_\_\_\_\_

## **Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions**

### **Getting Started:**

1. What is one commitment or resolution you've struggled to follow through on?

### **Digging Deeper:**

#### **Read Galatians 5:13-26**

1. Verse 13 begins with "You my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh..." Why might believers be tempted to do this? What teaching in Christian circles might enable this?
2. Read verses 16, 18, and 25. What is the difference between being 'led by the Holy Spirit' and 'walking by/keeping in step with the Holy Spirit'? Who is responsible in each situation?
3. Do you tend to focus more on the do's (love, serve, be kind, etc.) or don'ts (don't be drunk, don't be involved in sexual immorality, don't lie, don't gossip, etc.) of Scripture? Is one more important than the other? Which needs to increase in your life?
4. Read Philippians 2:12-13. What tension is found in this passage? Why is it so important to hold onto both of these truths?
5. Review the "Responsibility of the Christian to walk" section. In which of these areas do you feel you are doing well? Where do you need to grow?
6. How might you apply "Spiritual breathing" in order to remain filled with the Spirit throughout your day. Is there another pattern that might help you remain filled?