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**Living A Liberated Christian Life**

Galatians 5:16-26

**Key Truth:** Christian freedom is the freedom to obey Christ and reflect His character.

**Freedom Vs Lawlessness: Is Not Individualism**

1. The Holy Spirit leads and empowers us to do what God

 wants, not what our sinful nature wants.

**Living Life In The Spirit: Is Divine Empowerment**

1. Walking by the Spirit, speaks of a way of life for the

 Christian.

 A. We will not give in to the sinful indulgences of the

 flesh.

2. Being led by the Spirit speaks of the character of Christ

 being manifested in our lives.

1. It attracts non-believers to the body of Christ.
2. It protects believers from the destructive consequences of sin.

3. Keeping in step with the Spirit means we will walk

 in humility and love toward one another.

 A. The fruit of the Spirit is relationship oriented.

 B. The Holy Spirit enables members of the body to work

 together in harmony.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Thank God for sending the Holy Spirit to solidify our faith and help us live lives that glorify Him. Continue to heed the instruction of the Spirit in your life.

**Food For Thought**

What did freedom mean to you when you were 18 years old? What does it mean to you today? What has changed over time to affect your view?

Recall a time when you felt “imprisoned” by an unfulfilling job, a bad habit, an illness, or financial debt. How did you become free from that situation? How would you describe the sense of freedom you experienced at that time?

What dangerous opportunities does freedom provide (vv. 13-15)? What was Paul afraid that freedom would give the Galatians an opportunity to do?

What does the abuse of freedom commonly look like in our community?

Why do you think Paul emphasized service to one another through love? How does service protect from the dangers of freedom?

Is there an area in your life where you are following the flesh instead of the Spirit? What step can you take today to follow the direction of the Holy Spirit?

In what ways have you recently been reminded of the Spirit’s presence and power in your life? How can you be more aware of and sensitive to the Spirit’s presence and power?