

Living by the Spirit and Suffering

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b. (#2) - Simply living our lives by following the Holy Spirit

c. (#3) - Then be honest with who gets the credit.....

Galatians 5:16-17 (NIV)

[16] So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. [17] 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.

Galatians 5:24-25 (NIV)

[24] Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. [25] Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

John 7:14-18 (NKJV)

[14] Now about the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and taught. [15] And the Jews marveled, saying, "How does this Man know letters, having never studied?" [16] Jesus answered them and said, "My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me. [17] "If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority. [18] "He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him.

1 Peter 4:1-2 (NIV)

[1] Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because he who has suffered in his body is done with sin. [2] As a result, he does not live the rest of his earthly life for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God.

Romans 8:12-18 (NIV)

[12] Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation—but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. [13] For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, [14] because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. [15] For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” [16] The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. [17] Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. [18] I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.