

OCTOBER 31

“WE CANNOT WALK IN THE SPIRIT UNLESS WE ARE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT.”

READ

Romans 6:11-13, Galatians 5:16-17

I make a presentation to God every day, and that presentation is my body. I make a decision every day: to run from sin, or anything that appears to be sinful. I run from it — I don't play around with it. I don't talk to it. I don't negotiate with it. I flee the appearance of evil. The greatest thing I can give to God every day is my body as a living sacrifice, holy, and acceptable. That's the least I can do for God. Being filled with the Spirit is not just so I can occasionally have an experience that gratifies and strengthens me. When I am filled with the Spirit, it means I don't yield to the flesh. When I'm filled with the Spirit, I overcome the sinful nature. When I'm filled with the Spirit, I despise anything that draws me away from God. The Bible says to walk in the Spirit, and you will not fulfill the lust of the flesh. You're walking in the Spirit when you're reading the Bible and praying without ceasing. You don't just come to church, or say grace before a meal. You pray always, without ceasing. You read and you act on the Word of God because it's your manual for life.

PRAY

The altar is a place of death — I put myself there again today, that I might die to myself. Let me walk in Your Spirit, Lord.

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