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How Things Work, Part 6

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Opening Summary

Today we will look at the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus and the law of sin and death. Every day we make decisions that have consequences, whether good or bad. In this lesson we will see how we can develop to a place where we can always make godly decisions.

- I. The will of the spirit man is different than the body's will (Rom. 7:18-19).
 - A. "In me" refers to the flesh (Rom. 7:20).
 - B. The nature of the body is always the opposite of God (2 Cor. 5:17).
 - C. When you're born again, you (the spirit part of you) are changed, but your body is not.
 - D. When trying to do what God says, the flesh always says the opposite (Rom. 7:21).
 - E. The mind decides what you do.
 - F. The real you wants to follow God (Rom. 7:22).
 - G. Condemnation means adverse judgment (Rom. 7:23 - 8:1).
 - H. There is *no condemnation* for those in Christ who walk after the Spirit (Rom. 8:1).
 - I. There is condemnation for those who walk after the flesh (Rom 6:23).
 - J. Poverty, sickness, mental illness, etc. are forms of death.
 - K. The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus makes you free from law of sin of death (Rom. 8:2).
 1. The law of gravity is always at work. The law of lift supersedes it, but the law of gravity continues to work.
 2. The law of sin and death is always at work. Only the law of the Spirit of life *in Christ Jesus* supersedes it, but the law of sin and death continues to work.
- II. Walking in the Spirit is allowing the Holy Spirit to have the ascendancy in all your decisions (Gal. 5:16).
 - A. The Holy Spirit is in you (1 John 4:4).
 - B. Daily consult the Holy Spirit first (Heb. 10:38; 1 John 5:7-8).
 - C. If you walk in the flesh you will walk in a way which leads to death.
 - D. Lust refers to many things: i.e., popularity, wealth, money, sex, etc.
 - E. There is nothing you must have except God.
 - F. The flesh and the spirit contradict one another (Gal. 5:17).
 - G. Satan tries to get you in the flesh so he can put some *form of death* on you.
 - H. Follow peace (Col. 3:15).
 - I. The Spirit will assist you by leading you away from adversarial situations.
 - J. You must trust God and obey Him no matter what you think.
- III. Allow the Spirit to lead you by following His promptings (Gal. 5:18).
 - A. He will lead you when you allow Him to do so.
 - B. He cannot lead you if you resist Him.
 - C. Trust Him and know He has your best interest at heart (Psa. 118:6).

IV. The lust of the flesh is listed here (Gal. 5:19-21).

- A. Adultery is a married person having sex with someone they're not married to.
- B. Fornication is a single person having sex with someone they're not married to.
- C. Uncleanliness is impurity. Lasciviousness is *filthy* or *wontonness*.
- D. Idolatry is idol worship (Exo. 20:3).
- E. Witchcraft (Gk.: pharmakeia): pharmacy, medication. It is not saying to stop taking medicine. It is saying to trust in God, first.
- F. Hatred is enmity or hatred. Variance is quarrelsome.
- G. Emulations means indignation. Wrath is fierceness and indignation.
- H. Strife means factions and contention. Seditions means divisions.
- I. Heresies means teaching contrary to God: ex., that one can choose their gender.
- J. Envyings means jealousy. Murders means slaughter.
- K. Drunkenness is intoxication. It refers to anything that diminishes your faculties.
- L. Revelings means rioting.
- M. In 2020, we saw the lust of the flesh on television every day.
 - 1. There are justifiable movements; some started out good but ended up bad.
 - 2. It is the church's responsibility to pray for leadership (1 Tim. 2:1-4).
 - 3. Prayer will mitigate the actions of ungodly leaders.
 - 4. Revival in a nation begins with the prayers of the saints.
- N. The works of the flesh end up in death (Gal. 5:21).

V. The production of the Holy Spirit is this (Gal. 5:22-23): love, joy, peace (quietness), longsuffering (patience), gentleness (usefulness), goodness (virtue), faith (faithfulness), meekness (humbleness), and temperance (self-control).

- A. The law of sin and death can't supersede the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus (Gal. 5:23).
- B. Deprive the desires of your flesh (Gal. 5:24-25). That's what fasting is about.
- C. Don't seek attention (Gal. 5:26).
- D. Restore your brother that has sinned (Gal. 6:1).
- E. The law of Christ is the law of love (Gal. 6:2).

VI. Pray in tongues so you know the truth (1 Cor. 14:2-4).

- A. You may think you should pray one way about a situation; circumstances distract you.
- B. Pray in tongues and allow the Holy Ghost to lead you to specifics, as you pray (Rom. 8:26).
- C. When you pray in tongues, the power of God manifests in that situation (Acts 1:8).
- D. When you pray in tongues, you are spiritually built up (1 Cor. 14:2; Jude 1:20).

VII. The mind decides whether you follow your spirit or your flesh (Rom. 12:1).

- A. Service means worship. Don't follow the world's system (Rom. 12:2).
- B. The Word renovates (renews) your mind.
- C. Renovate the mind by meditating the Word instead of TV (Jos. 1:8; Jer. 29:11).
- D. When the mind is renewed to the Word of God, you will make godly decisions.

Closing Summary

As you walk in the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus you will see more and more manifestation of God's perfect will in your life. Develop yourself to live by faith and follow your spirit instead of your flesh, and you will be victorious in all things.