

Your Next Step Is Vitally Important!

Gal. 5:16-25

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.

18. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law.

19. The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery;

20. idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions

21. and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

23. gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

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.

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Pr. 1:7 - The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.

Pr. 2:7-15

1. My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you,

2. turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding,

3. and if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding,

4. and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure,

5. then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.

6. For the LORD gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.

7. He holds victory in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless,

8. for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones.

9. Then you will understand what is right and just and fair--every good path.

10. For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul.

11. Discretion will protect you, and understanding will guard you.

12. Wisdom will save you from the ways of wicked men, from men whose words are perverse,

13. who leave the straight paths to walk in dark ways,

14. who delight in doing wrong and rejoice in the perverseness of evil,

15. whose paths are crooked and who are devious in their ways.

Deuteronomy 4:23-31

23. Be careful not to forget the covenant of the LORD your God that he made with you; do not make for yourselves an idol in the form of anything the LORD your God has forbidden.

24. For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

25. After you have had children and grandchildren and have lived in the land a long time--if you then become corrupt and make any kind of idol, doing evil in the eyes of the LORD your God and provoking him to anger,

26. I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you this day that you will quickly perish from the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess. You will not live there long but will certainly be destroyed.

27. The LORD will scatter you among the peoples, and only a few of you will survive among the nations to which the LORD will drive you.

28. There you will worship man-made gods of wood and stone, which cannot see or hear or eat or smell.

29. But if from there you seek the LORD your God, you will find him if you look for him with all your heart and with all your soul.

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Let's look at our scripture again...

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2 Chronicles 7:14

14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Psalm 44:21 - would not God have discovered it, since he knows the secrets of the heart?

Jeremiah 17:9-10

9. The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?

10. "I the LORD search the heart and examine the mind, to reward a man according to his conduct, according to what his deeds deserve."

Psalm 139:1-5

1. O LORD, you have searched me and you know me.
2. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.
3. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.
4. Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O LORD.
5. You hem me in--behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me.

Proverbs 4:23 - Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.

Isaiah 55:6-7

6. Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near.
7. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

Jude 1:22-24

21. Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.
22. Be merciful to those who doubt;
23. snatch others from the fire and save them; to others show mercy, mixed with fear--hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh.
24. To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy--
25. to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.