



Free to Flourish

[Galatians 5:13-26](#)

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***God's Spirit frees us to become what
God's law could never force us to be: Like Jesus.***

1. The Spirit Frees Us to Love Like Jesus Loved (13-15)

- A. Humbly serving others is the antidote to self-indulgence. (13)
- B. Constantly prioritizing others is the antidote to self-destruction. (14-15)

2. The Spirit Frees Us to Live Like Jesus Lived (16-26)

- A. The struggle between the flesh and the Spirit is a good thing. (16-18)
 - *If you think you don't struggle, look out.*
 - *If you think you can't change, look up.*
- B. The change from the acts of the flesh to the fruit of the Spirit is a great thing. (19-26)
 - *When we rely on the external standards of religious codes, we fail to become like Jesus.*

The result: The flesh wins!

- *When we rely on the internal working of the Holy Spirit, we become like Jesus.*

The result: The fruit shows!

***Are others seeing Christ in you by
the way you love and the way you live?***