

## **STEPS TO CRUCIFY THE FLESH**

As we live this is Christian Life we must be actively growing in Christ. We have said it many times, if we are not moving forward in Christ we are backsliding. We do not take a vacation from Christ. We leave Him and hope we can find our way back to Him.

Our goal should not be too barely squeak by, but to live like Christ. Victoriously!!!

Galatians 5:16-25 KJV

[16] This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

[17] For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

[18] But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

[19] Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these ; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

[20] Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

[21] Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

[22] But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

[23] Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

[24] And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. [25] If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

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**Pray.** One of the most powerful weapons you have, other than The Word of God, is prayer. Prayer is a means of communicating with God. This is the time that you should lay everything and I mean everything out before the Throne of grace, asking for victory and forgiveness. In prayer, we gain strength, clarity, peace, and comfort.

### 2 Corinthians 10:5 KJV

[5] Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

**Read your Bible.** The important thing is that you are reading the living Word of God, that brings about true repentance and transformation. Reading the Bible with an open willing heart does wonders for the mind and soul. The Bible not only gives practical instruction but, it convicts and brings about change.

This is the process of edification, bringing us closer and closer to the character of Christ.

### Ezekiel 11:19 KJV

[19] And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh:

**Repent.** Repentance is a turning away from sin. To crucify the flesh is to turn away from our sinful nature which is in the flesh.

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**Include God in everything.** God wants to not only be a part of our morning routine, but He wants us to welcome Him in every area of our lives, from morning to night. We should Surrender, invite, welcome Him in every aspect of our life.

### Romans 12:1-2 KJV

[1] I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

[2] And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

**Choose wisely.** Every moment, we are faced with a decision to make; should I give in to the flesh or, yield to the spirit. Do good or do evil. Tell the truth or lie. We consciously or unconsciously make decisions.

Dueteronomy 30:15-16 KJV

[15] See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil;

[16] In that I command thee this day to love the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the Lord thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it.

**Be doers of The Word.** James 1:22 KJV says

[22] But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

After you have chosen Christ, The Word of God, and His principles, you now must walk in the convicting light of The Truth.

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**Be consistent.** As I stated earlier; when we neglect our personal relationship with Christ, it becomes easier and easier to backslide and give in to our sinful nature. But, consistency brings about good results and growth.

James 1:4-5 KJV

[4] But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. [5] If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

**Altar Call**