

## The Wednesday Word, Oct. 14, 2015: A Delightful Insanity

*Galatians 5:16; "This I say then walk in the spirit and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh."*

Have you ever used the expression; 'I couldn't see the wood for the trees'? It means that, even though a truth is clearly evident, it goes unnoticed because of more attention being given to minor details. Galatians 5:16 is like that.

Let me explain. Countless numbers of believers are desperately trying to not walk in the flesh. They are trying not to do the things that are wrong in God's sight. They are striving and struggling. As a result, they are continually beating up on themselves in the unending search for self-improvement.

This, however, is not wisdom.

Why so?

Simply stated... it doesn't work!

Doesn't work?

No, it doesn't work.

Why not?

It doesn't work for the simple reason that we are all like the man who hadn't even thought about walking on the grass until he saw a sign which said, 'DON'T WALK ON THE GRASS.'

The truth is this if we keep telling ourselves that we are not going to do something you can bet your money that sooner or later we will probably do it. That's the nature of the beast.

To understand Galatians 5:16, (*This I say then walk in the spirit and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh*) just picture two roads going in opposite directions away from you. One of them is the Road of the Spirit, the other the Road of the Flesh. We are not instructed to stand at the entrance to the "Flesh Road" and say 'I'm not going down there, I won't go down there.' No! Not at all! If you look down that road for too long, you'll go down it.

We are, however, to walk down the road of the Spirit. But how do we do that? Here's one suggested way. Paul encourages us to "Speak to ourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, making melody in our heart to the Lord; giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;" (Ephesians 5:19-20).

We, because of what Christ has accomplished and finished for us in His doing, dying and rising again are learning to sing and make melody in our hearts unto the Lord. We are learning to give thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are learning continually to look outside ourselves unto Jesus (Hebrews 12:2) the author and finisher of our faith.

As we walk in the Spirit, we are learning to worry about nothing, to be prayerful for everything and be thankful for anything (Philippians 4:6). By the way, living like this doesn't mean that we shall not be assailed by the lust of the flesh, rather, it guarantees that we shall not fulfil it.

But let me warn you, if you live that way, singing and making melody in your hearts being worried about nothing, prayerful for everything and thankful for anything, people might say you are mad. But so what? It will be a madness filled with the wisdom of Heaven. It will be a delightful insanity, for in so walking you will not fulfill the desires of the flesh.

And that's the Gospel Truth!