

Live Like an Eagle

2 Timothy 3:16—All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for:

- Doctrines: to show me the path
- Reproof: to show me when I've gotten off the path
- Correction: to show me how to get back on the path
- Instruction in righteousness: to show me how to stay on the path

- Doctrines (Principle) Instruction in Righteousness (Practice)
- Baptism (v. 3) We should walk in newness of life (v. 4).
- Crucifixion (v. 6) We should not serve sin (v. 6).
- Resurrection (vs. 9-11) We are alive unto God (v. 11).

Romans 6:1-18

Know (v. 6)

1. My "old man" is dead (Colossians 3:9)—the Adamic nature we were born with; that which once had the power to make us sin.
2. God has restored my freedom of choice.
"God gets no glory until we voluntarily choose to obey Him."

Before the fall, Adam and Eve knew:

- a. The presence of God
- b. Freedom of choice (any tree of the garden but one)
- c. So many good choices
- d. In the midst—the tree of the knowledge of good and evil**

** This is synonymous with your flesh (Greek sarx) = the members or tangible parts of your body; your senses, affections, passions

3. I've been set free! (John 8:32, 36)
Remember: Freedom is not the liberty to do as I please, but the power to do what I ought to do.
4. I don't **have** to sin anymore!!
"Flesh will always be present, but it doesn't have to be president."



3. What are the manifestations of His filling?

- a. Produce
 - The fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23)
 - The fruit of holiness (Romans 6:22)
- b. Power
 - In your witness (Acts 1:8)
 - In your walk (2 Timothy 1:7)
 - In your words (1 Thessalonians 1:5)
 - In your work (1 Corinthians 2:3-4)
- c. Praise (Ephesians 5:18-20)
 - Praise (v. 19)
 - Thanksgiving (v. 20)

This should be an automatic overflow of a Spirit-filled life.

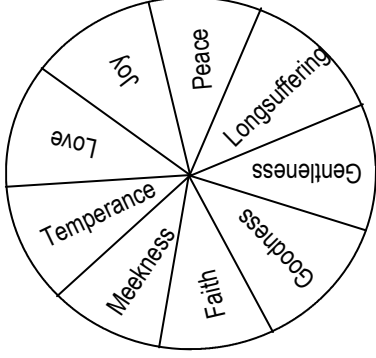
Two Laws (Romans 8:2)

The law of sin and death
(like the law of gravity)

The law of the Spirit of Life
(like the law of aerodynamics)

4. How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?

- a. Recognize my need.
- b. Desire to be filled. (John 7:37-39)
- c. Cry out to God.



All present at the same time!

Reckon (v. 11)

Reckon is a faith word—*count* (consider) it as an *accomplished fact*. (It is not based on what I do, but rather on what Jesus has done.)

1. Opt on my freedom of choice.
* Wanted: Dead and Alive (Romans 12:1)
2. Choose!
Against In favor of
Sin Christ
The flesh Righteousness (right living)
3. Die!
* When the will of my flesh crosses the will of the Father, and I choose against my flesh and in favor of my Father, **death brings life.**

<u>Will of my flesh</u>	<u>Will of my Father</u>
Feast	Fast
Play	Pray
Cover up	Confess
Demand rights	Yield rights
Lust sensually	Love spiritually
Apathetic toward God	Apathetic toward the world

Yield (vs. 13ff)

Yield is an action word.

1. Self to God (Lordship of Christ)
2. Members to righteousness (Holy Spirit control)
(Verse 17) Past: Slave to sin (incapable of righteousness)
Present: Slave to righteousness (capable of sin or obedience)

<u>Of = Relationship</u>	<u>To = Choices</u>
Ownership	Temporary use
Who you are	What you obey
Being	Behavior
Person	Practice
Citizenship	Choices

The Ministry of the Holy Spirit

(I am grateful to my dear friend Summer Wemp for much of the insight here concerning the ministry of the Holy Spirit.)

1. Who is the Holy Spirit?
 - a. He is God.
 - b. He is a real Person.
 - c. He lives in you.
 - d. He wants to control you.
 - e. He alone can make Christianity real in you.
 - f. He can be grieved (Ephesians 4:29-32).

Sins of commission: When we have *heart problems with people*

 - g. He can be quenched (1 Thessalonians 5:16-22).

Sins of omission: When we have *heart problems with God*
2. What does it mean to be filled with the Holy Spirit? (Ephesians 5:18)

"It's not putting gas in the tank, it's putting the Driver behind the wheel."

 - a. It means to be under the influence (*under the control*) of.
 - b. It is a continuous command: *"Be ye being filled."*
 - c. It is an imperative command. (*You must!*)
 - d. It is all-inclusive **YOU!**
 - e. It is employed by *faith*.