

The Secret for Living Above Conflict

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Series: Galatians– Living Above the Conflict

“For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.” Galatians 5:13 ESV

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I Control My Life Path!

“But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.” Galatians 5:16 ESV

So What Is My Choice?

Why is My Choice So Important?

“For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.” Romans 8:6 ESV

“For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God’s law; indeed, it cannot.” Romans 8:7 ESV

“For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.” Galatians 5:17 ESV

Three Truths:

- 1. I Can Only Choose One Path**
- 2. My Choice Determines My Appetite**
- 3. My Choice Will Keep Me From the Other**

A Couple Practical Helps

1. It is About My Surrender to the Holy Spirit

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

Galatians 5:18 ESV

2. Letting the Holy Spirit Work in Me

A. The Bible

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.”

John 14:26 ESV

B. Prayer

“Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.”

Romans 8:26 ESV

C. Gifted Teachers and Preachers

“And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,”

Ephesians 4:11–12 ESV

D. Christian Music

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.”

Colossians 3:16 ESV

E. Other Godly Christians

“I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well.”

2 Timothy 1:5 ESV

Will I Surrender?

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My Personal Take Away: