

# Where The Spirit Is



## God, Why Do I Fall Out of the Spirit?

Galatians 5:25, "If we live by the Spirit let us also be directed by the Spirit or (walk in the Spirit)."

Do you ever feel you are growing in the Lord, making headway, then all of a sudden you react badly to a situation and you are so disappointed? It reminds me of the scripture, "You were coming along splendidly. Who got in your way, so that you do not follow the truth? That persuasion is not from the One who called you." Galatians 5:7-8

The Lord gave me a new revelation. The Holy Spirit said, "You can work through any situation or walk through life's difficulties when your 'flesh is crucified'." Galatians 5:24, "And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires."

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### When difficulties come how do we react?

Let's look at the contrast between the flesh and the spirit.

#### FLESH

Galatians 5:19-21

Immorality, Outbreaks of selfishness
Impurity, Dissensions
Sensuality, Factions
Idolatry, Envy
Magic Arts, Drunkenness
Animosities, Carousing
Strife, Anger (Ephesians 4:26-27)
Jealousy, Bitterness (Ephesians 4:31)
Bad Temper, Malice
2 Corinthians 2:14-16 Aroma brings death.
Ephesians 4:22-24 Put off <b>OLD</b> (flesh) nature

#### SPIRIT

Galatians 5:22-23

Love
Joy
Peace
Forbearance, Patience, Longsuffering
Kindness
Generosity, Goodness
Fidelity, Faithfulness
Gentleness
Self-Control
2 Corinthians 2:14-16 Fragrance-vital aroma brings life.
Ephesians 4:22-24 Put on <b>NEW</b> (spirit)

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So, when I prayed and asked God,

"Why do I fall out of the Spirit?",

He answered my question with 10 points.

## "Why do I fall out of the Spirit?"

1. **Tiredness-We need daily renewing**, Psalm 91:1-3, "He who lives in the secret shelter of the Most High lodges in the shadow of the Almighty. I will testify of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in who I am trusting. Certainly it is He who rescues you from the hunter's trap and from the fatal pestilence."
2. **Need to abide**, John 15:5, "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who remains in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."
3. **Thoughts, (Negative)** 2 Corinthians 10:5, "Casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself, bringing every thought into captivity to obedience."  
**(Positive)** Philippians 4:8, "Finally brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is kindly spoken, whatever is lofty and whatever is praiseworthy put your mind on these."
4. **Resentment, Bitterness, Anger** Ephesians 4:31, "Get rid of all bitterness among you, bad temper, anger, clamour, abusive language and all malice."
5. **Unforgiveness** Ephesians 4:32, "Be kind toward one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God has in Christ forgiven you."
6. **Enemy is an opportunist** 1 Peter 5:8, "Exercise self-control. Be on your guard. Your opponent, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion in search of someone to devour."
7. **Need to pray** Ephesians 6:18, "Praying in the Spirit on every occasion with ceaseless prayer and supplication, constantly alert to pray with all perseverance."
8. **Need to humble ourselves** James 4:6, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble-minded."
9. **Need to submit and draw nigh** James 4:7-8, "Submit yourselves to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you."
10. **Need to focus on His promises** 2 Peter 1:3-10, "His divine power has given us all things that pertain to life and godliness...We have been given great and precious promises to escape corruption...."

These 10 points all have to do with dying to the flesh. 2 Corinthians 4:11, "In the midst of life we are constantly handed over to death for Jesus' sake. That His life may be evidenced through us."

The Lord gave me an illustration concerning a burn victim. The doctors have to peel away the burned, dead skin off the body so that new skin can grow, to bring healing. I can't imagine the pain to the victim! This is like dying to our flesh everyday; being crucified in the flesh to live a life as Jesus lived. **Jesus died a painful death so that we could live an overcoming life. WWJD?** How did Jesus respond? We choose to respond to everyday circumstances depending on if we, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." Philippians 2:5

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John 15:5, 2 Cor. 3:17, Gal. 2:20, Gal. 5:22-25, 1 Peter 1:22

Where the Spirit of the Lord is,  
There is freedom, joy, and I am blessed,  
When I keep in step with the Spirit,  
In Him is love and faithfulness.

I no longer live, but Christ in me,  
There is hope and peace and I am free,  
My sinful nature does not gratify,  
In Him I have been crucified.

Take my thoughts, for You I long to please,  
I must decrease, as You must increase,  
Take my selfishness and my pride,  
I'm so secure, in You abide.

Remain in me, remain in me, and purify,  
Remain in me, remain in me, and purify,  
Remain in me, remain in me, be glorified,  
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