

Upside Down Kingdom

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Galatians 5:13-26

Paul cautions the reader about yielding freely to the flesh. Why would one want to, considering grace? Instead use freedom to show patience at work, care to a neighbor, joy in the midst of adversity, peace at home, loyalty to a friend, and self-control with the family. There is no law against these.

Be led by the Spirit! The Spirit and “indulging the flesh” cannot coexist. When one is evident the other is absent. If you are led by the Spirit you are free. That’s the call! Freedom! Self-centeredness makes life difficult. It’s a rough existence (Galatians 5:19-21a). Freedom is masked by self-indulgence. Compare “the acts of the flesh” and “the fruit of the Spirit.” The two lists are extreme opposites. One leads to death, the other life. Which list is more appetizing? The answer reveals your loyalty. Are you in bondage to the flesh, or are you a love-slave to Christ? Ironically, being a slave to Christ is freeing. Jesus is the Master. You are owned by Christ. It’s an upside down kingdom.

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