

Zealous for good deeds, saying "no" to sin	Titus 2:11
Assurance that we are God's deeply loved child	Romans 8:15-16 1 John 3:1
Confidence before God (complete assurance and boldness)	1 John 3:21

5. Spirit-led Christians are faced with a 3-fold enemy: Satan, the world system and indwelling sin. These influences seek to destroy our faith (John 10:10) by tempting us to rely on our own abilities and way of dealing with life rather than on the Holy Spirit. This is called living or walking according to the flesh.

<b>EVIDENCE OF LIVING OR WALKING IN THE FLESH:</b>	
Never satisfied	Ephesians 4:19
Pursuing deceitful desires (desires springing from deception)	Ephesians 4:22
Immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, compulsions, "things like these"	Galatians 5:19
Hostile toward God and the things of God	Romans 8:7
Mind set on the things of the flesh	Romans 8:5
Death (isolation from God, destroyed relationships, fear and joylessness, the opposite of life that God offers, which is vitality and quality of life)	John 17:3
Trusting in self	Proverbs 28:26
Living under the law arouses sinful passions, causing us to do the opposite of what we want	Romans 7:5 Romans 7:15
Appears good, but in reality, produces nothing Godly	Colossians 2:20-23
Religion and self-righteousness	Philippians 3:3-10

### **LIVING BY THE SPIRIT IS A CHOICE:**

When we are walking in the flesh, we are miserable and the only solution is to crucify it (declare it absolutely worthless) and place no confidence in it. Then choose to live by faith, dependent on the Holy Spirit to be to you all He has promised.

When we realize we are living out of the flesh, we have a choice to continue in that direction or to turn to God, reject the flesh and once again allow Him to live His life through us. Galatians 5:16 promises that, as we live by the Spirit, we will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

Living by the Spirit can be compared to a light switch. The presence and power of the Holy Spirit are always present, but we must make the choice to cooperate with Him and what He wants to do in our lives.