

**Productive Christianity  
Galatians 5:13-26**

**I. Will Freedom Work? - 5:13-18**

1. Distortion of Liberty - 13  
Danger with freedom, it may be abused  
Can become license to gratify our flesh  
This is not pleasing to God who set us free
2. Design of Liberty - 13-15  
God's plan; free from self to serve others  
Law is fulfilled in loving our neighbor - 14  
God's love constrains us to love others  
Focus on self can be destructive -15  
Sinful flesh seeks its own way  
Attacks anyone who gets in its way
3. Dynamic of Liberty - 16-18  
Sinful man is not capable of living this way  
God has provided power to live in liberty  
In new birth He has made our spirit alive  
Capable of knowing & responding to His truth  
God's Spirit seeks to encourage & enable us  
His Spirit produces God's righteousness  
Challenge is to "walk in the Spirit" - 16  
Submit our will to His, follow Spirit's direction  
Allow Holy Spirit to have control of our lives  
Our flesh will not agree with the Spirit - 17  
Sinful flesh and God's Spirit will be conflict  
Must choose to let Spirit control, not our flesh  
Spirit's leading does not put us under law - 18  
Not required, but free to choose to obey God  
Choice is motivated by love, not by fear of law

**II. Works of the Flesh - 5:19-21**

1. Seeks gratification for desires - 19  
Adultery, fornication, uncleanness (impurity)  
Lasciviousness (debauchery)
2. Seeks alternate spiritual power - 20  
Idolatry and witchcraft
3. Promotes self in relationships – 20-21  
Hatred, variance (discord), emulations (jealousy)  
wrath (rage), strife (selfish ambition), seditions  
(dissensions), heresies (factions), envy & murder
4. Flesh promotes self-indulgence - 21  
Drunkennes, reveling (orgies), & such like

**III. Fruit of the Spirit - 5:22-23**

1. Spirit produces godly character - 22  
Love (1Jn.4:7), joy (Jn.15:11), peace (Jn.14:27)
2. Spirit produces gracious conduct - 23  
Longsuffering (patience), gentleness (kindness),  
goodness, faith (faithfulness), meekness  
(gentleness)
3. Spirit produces governing control - 23  
Result is self-control - no excessive indulgence  
Law is designed to restrain self-indulgence  
With the Spirit in control law is not needed

**IV. The Way to Victory - 5:24-26**

1. We are crucified with Christ - 24  
Those in Christ have been crucified with Him  
Sinful flesh with loves, desires been crucified  
Galatians 2:20; Romans 6:11-13
2. Challenge is to walk in the Spirit - 25  
If our life is now in the Spirit, live it out  
Walk in line with the Spirit
3. Live consistently with truth - 26  
Self-promotion, provoking others, envy  
Out of harmony with who we are in Christ  
Out of harmony with Spirit who lives in us