

8. Grace-Centered Living in the Power

We can live successfully in the power already available to us through God's Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is God's Empowering Presence — Ephesians 3:16, 20

- Your position *in Christ* is — Assurance of salvation, Identity, and Acceptance before God.
- Christ's presence *in you* is — Life, The Basis of Relationship, Power for living today.

Live in the Power for Daily Life, Relationships, & Battles — Ephesians 4, 5, & 6

	Living by the Spirit	Living by the Flesh	Response
DEFINITIONS	Submitting to and depending on God's Spirit as we daily live out the life of Christ within us—always leads to God's way of approaching life.	Submitting to the flesh (body, mind, emotions, will)—that is not born again, gets help from the world influenced by Satan, and does not become godly over time—always leads away from God's way of approaching life to your own way or the world's way.	View yourself rightly through your identity in Christ.
BEHAVIOR	Ephesians 4:1-3; 32; 5:1-2; 20	Ephesians 4:17-19; 31; 5:18	Agree with God (confession) that you are guilty of that behavior. You are already forgiven. Choose obedience and decide you want to live by the Spirit's power in that area of your life (repentance).
WORDS	Ephesians 4:29	Ephesians 5:4	Depend on the Spirit's power by saying, "Lord Jesus, I can't do this, but you can do this in my life. I trust your Spirit to do this in me." Daily depend.
SPIRITUAL BATTLES	Ephesians 6:10-12; 16; 3:10-11	Giving in to substitutes that "seem to work"	Watch what He does!

You know you are living by the Spirit when you step out in obedience to God's Word, depend on God's Spirit for the ability and power to do what He asks you to do, and trust God with the results.