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Part 8 Weekly Challenges to Get Closer to God

Challenge #24 Live in the Spirit

This is part of a yearly series "Weekly Challenges to Get Closer to God". There are 26 challenges for 1 year. You prayerfully concentrate on 1 task for 1 week (every other week) and see what happens.

Living in the spirit is denying ourselves and living for Christ. Christ dwells within your inner being and lives in you. Everything we do, we do with and for Christ since he lives in our hearts.

That may sound like you have to give up a lot. But it's actually the opposite. You have so much to gain. Living in the spirit is very freeing. All you have to do is follow Jesus. Worrying is gone. Anxiety is gone. And they are replaced with a joy like no other.

So let's give it a try. Open your heart and let Christ in. Deny yourself and live in the spirit for one full week and see what happens. See how you get closer to God.

Here are some Bible verses to motivate you.

<u>Galatians 5:24-25</u> Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

<u>Ephesians 3:16-17</u> I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,

<u>Galatians 5:16</u> So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

<u>Romans 12:2</u> Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

<u>John 6:63</u> The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life.

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