

# ***Meeting the Holy Spirit***

## ***Who Is He, and Why Don't We Know Him So Well?***



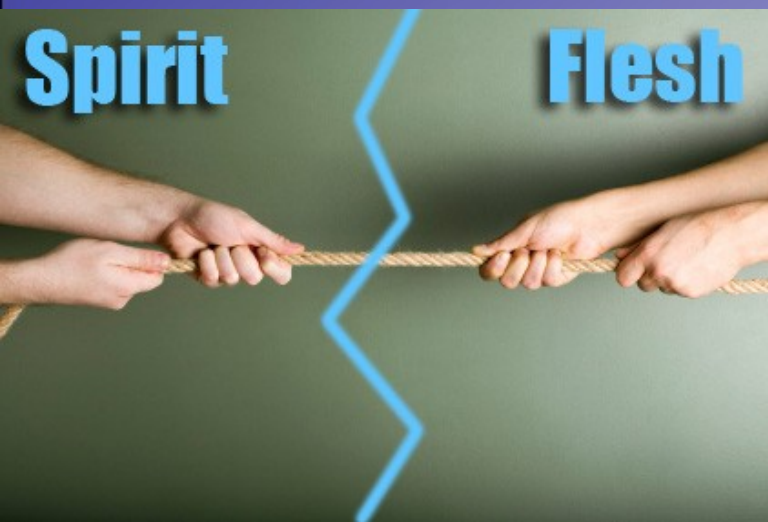
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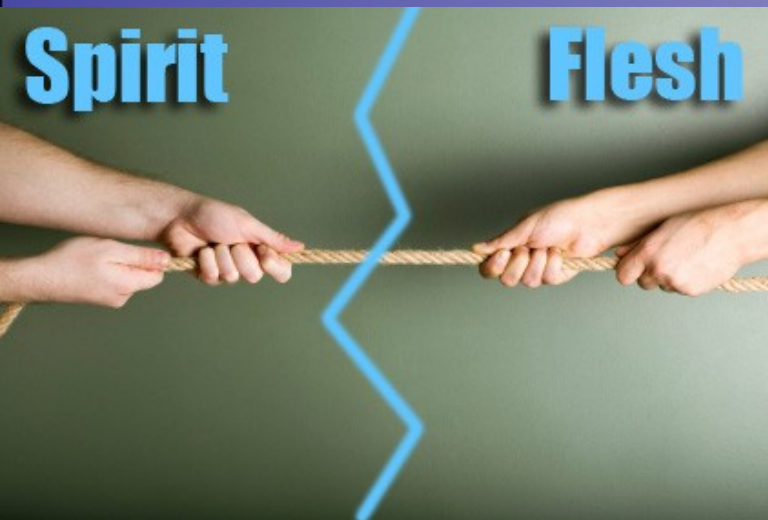
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          - What does that naturally lead us to?
            - Assuming that Paul *isn't* just writing this as a command against *drinking*, how would you apply this to life in general?



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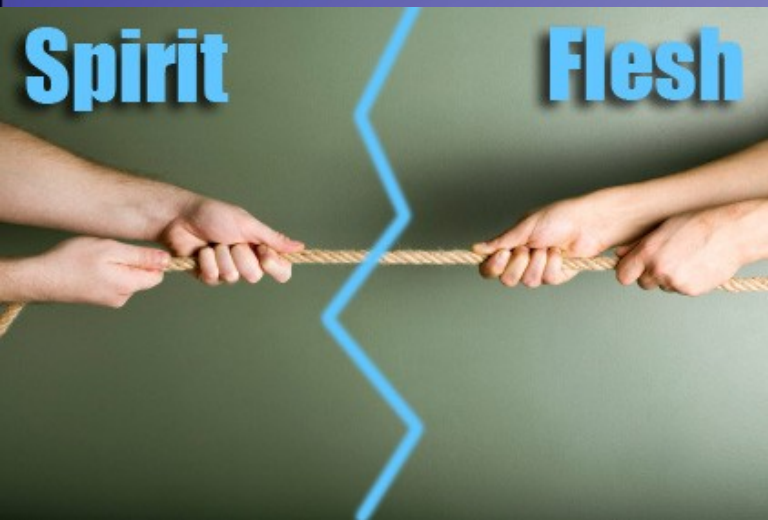
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          - What should *that* naturally lead us to do in vs. 19-21?
          - Would you consider those to be fair indicators of living out a “new life in the Spirit” or not? Why or why not?





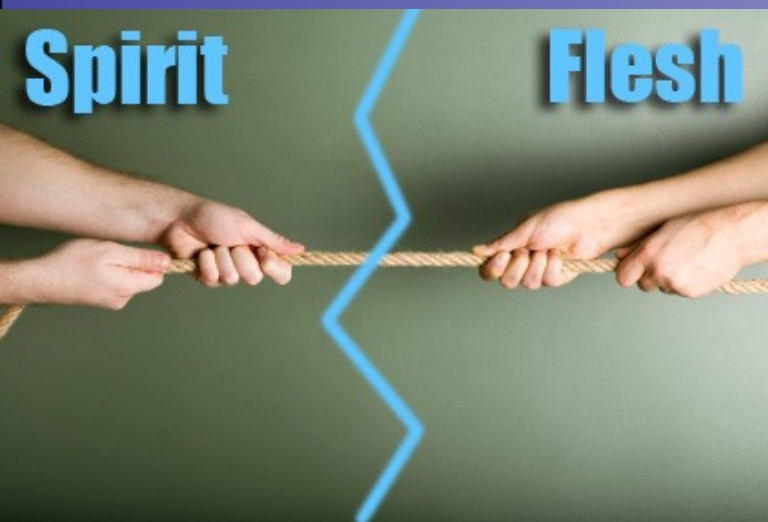
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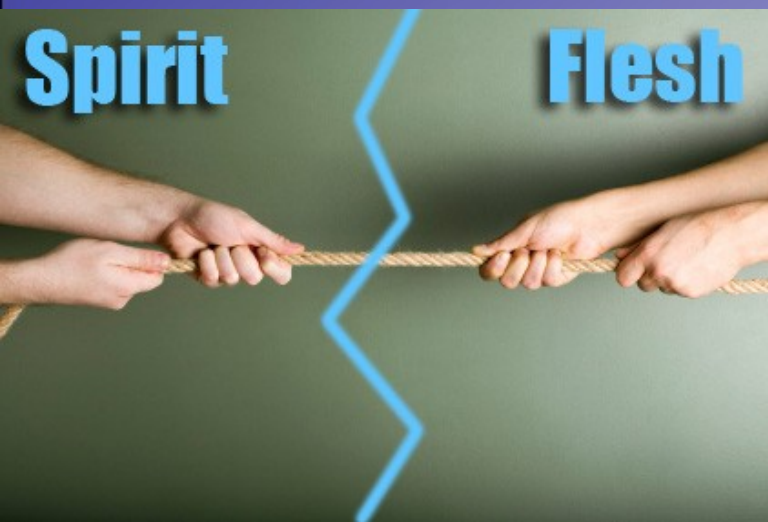
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      - Does that sum up the entire Law? Why or why not?
      - Why might *Paul* sum the Law up that way here?



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      - How is what they were doing to one another *antithetical* to the Christian life?  
(i.e.; how is that living according to your *fleshly* nature and *not* according to the leading of the *Holy Spirit* within you?)





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      - People usually read vs. 16 and think of “naughty” sins like sexual immorality—but what is the context here?
        - So why do we jump to the “naughty” sins instead?
        - How can “living by the Spirit” *prevent* all of this?

