

FLESH VS SPIRIT

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GALATIANS 6:7-9

The law of sowing and reaping doesn't change when one gets saved. As believers, we still can sow to the flesh and allow it to dominate our lives if we choose to.

JOHN 3:5-7

Jesus talked much about the flesh and spirit of man. Nicodemus was thinking flesh, but Jesus was referring to the spirit.

JOHN 4:20-24

The woman was thinking of a physical place of worship where the worship involved fleshly things. Jesus said God is a spirit who must be worshiped in spirit and truth. Our focus should be internal more than external.

JOHN 6:48-58, 63

Jesus was not speaking about eating His flesh literally. He was speaking spiritually while they were hearing physically. His words are spirit and life.

MATTHEW 5:27-29

They viewed adultery as a physical act, but Jesus referred to it as a spiritual act that proceeds out of the heart.

GALATIANS 4:19-24, 28-29

Sarah and Abraham rationalized what God said and ended up giving birth to a work of the flesh. They were thinking physically, but God was speaking spiritually. Abraham listened to Sarah, not God.

JOHN 12:49-50

Here we have the key to success. We too must learn to say what God says and do what He says to do.

ACTS 27:9-11

They were looking at the physical, but Paul had spiritual insight. **ACTS 27:18-25** – Paul did what he was told. He didn't use his authority to stop the storm. He sought direction from God. "Whose I am, and whom I serve!"

JOHN 15:7

We abide in Him and His Word abides in us speaks of fellowship and getting instructions from God. Hearing from Him and doing what He tells us to do.

1 CORINTHIANS 14:14-15

Tongues is extremely important because it's spiritual and activates the Spirit's ministry within! It's the Spirit that quickens or gives life. **ZECHARIAH 4:6**

CONCLUSION: It's important to know our authority and to understand how to use our faith. It's also important to hear what God wants us to do as Jesus and Paul did. Otherwise, we can find ourselves acting in the flesh like Abraham and Sarah, or the seven sons of Sceva!