Learn the law of the Spirit

**Experience the benefits of the law of the Spirit**

**Monday**

Read Romans 7:6, Romans 8:18-25, Psalms 119:71

Experience is the best teacher. The law of the Spirit teaches us though life experiences which includes suffering at times. **Journalize** lessons you are learning through your personal suffering.

**Tuesday**

Read Romans 8:26-27, Exodus 3:3, Matthew 16:5-8

The law of the Spirit teaches to pray differently; we pray less ‘to’ God and more ‘with’ God (the Holy Spirit)…the secret to praying naturally throughout the day. **Practice** turning every thought you have into a conversation with the Holy Spirit.

**Wednesday**

Read Romans 8:28-30, Philippians 2:12-13, 1 Corinthians 15:10

You are predestined for more than just salvation, you are predestined to be conformed into Jesus’ image. **Mediate** on how you cooperate more with the Spirit as molds your personality to be more like Jesus.

**Thursday**

Read Romans 8:31-34, 1 Corinthians 6:10, Romans 3:23-36

Jesus is on your side and justifies you everyday, as a Christian. **Meditate** on this reality throughout the day today.

**Friday**

Read Romans 8:35-39, 2 Corinthians 2:14, 1 John 4:3-5, 1 John 5:4-5

The law of the Spirit dictates that you are more than a conqueror through Christ Jesus, who loves you. If Jesus is in your boat, you can’t sink. **Journalize** your thoughts.

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…Your kingdom come…

…the government will be upon His shoulders…

The law of the Spirit is the present evidence of the kingdom of heaven here on earth.

Romans 7:6 New International Version (NIV)

**6**But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code.

My example this week of letting the peace of God rule.

I don’t need more than guidance for my life, I need governance over my life.

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Romans 8:**18**I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. **19**For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. **20**For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope **21**that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

**22**We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. **23**Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. **24**For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? **25**But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

Psalm 119:71 New International Version (NIV)

**71**

It was good for me to be afflicted

    so that I might learn your decrees (the Law…of the Spirit).

Experience is the best teacher. The law of the Spirit teaches us though life experiences and through suffering.

**7. A person who learns the law of the Spirit is a person rich with experience, appreciating the wealth of their lessons learned.**

Heart knowledge vs head knowledge

Personal recent lessons through suffering:

* I want to be available to God and not my own purposes
* Wait for God
* Empathize with other people’s sufferings
* You’ll walk through the fire but you won’t be burned (Isaiah 43:2)
* Stop thinking that God is going to discipline you for long periods of time. Your deliverance is right around the corner
* Mark 11:22-24. Speak to your mountain, God moves it, He then answers your prayer
* Patience is all about what you do while you wait

**26**In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. **27**And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God.

**8. The law of the Spirit teaches to pray differently; we pray less ‘to’ God and more ‘with’ God (the Holy Spirit)…the secret to praying naturally throughout the day.**

Exodus 3:3 New International Version (NIV)

**3**So Moses thought, “I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up.”

Exodus 3:3 Common English Bible (CEB)

**3**Then Moses said to himself, Let me check out this amazing sight and find out why the bush isn’t burning up.

After this experience Moses changed and had what seemed to be a life long conversation with God.

Matthew 16:**5**When they went across the lake, the disciples forgot to take bread. **6**“Be careful,” Jesus said to them. “Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees.”

**7**They discussed this among themselves and said, “It is because we didn’t bring any bread.”

**8**Aware of their discussion, Jesus asked, “You of little faith, why are you talking among yourselves about having no bread?

Let’s stop thinking to ourselves, drawing wrong conclusions and include God in our inner conversations. Turn all your thoughts into conversations with God.

Under the law of the Spirit you pray with God instead of praying to Him.

**28**And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

**9. The law of the Spirit dictates that everything that ever happens to you will work out for your good.**

The law sin and death doesn’t offer you this. The law of Moses doesn’t offer you this. Only the law of the Spirit.

**29**For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. **30**And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

**10. I am predestined for more than just salvation, I am predestined to be conformed into Jesus’ image.**

This transcends my efforts. God’s might hand is working in my life whether I like it or not. My effort is only a cooperative effort, but not a leading effort.

Philippians 2:12-13

12 continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

1 Corinthians 15:10

10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.

The law of the Spirit conforms me into the image of Christ.

**31**What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? **32**He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

**11. Jesus is not the referee, He is on your side…he is you coach. The law of the Spirit is explicit about this.**

**33**Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. **34**Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

**12. You stand justified through Jesus if you are a Christian.**

I’ve learned to pray for Christians who are struggling this way, “God, stand them back up and justify them.”

1 Corinthians 6:10

May the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and the Spirit of our God wash them, sanctify them and justify them.

God justifies you unilaterally if you invite Him into your heart. So it is ok for you to pray for your brothers and sisters who are in Christ to be justified.

**Romans 3:23-26**

“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.”

If you live by the law of the Spirit, you won’t live by your feelings of whether or not you are justified, but rather by God’s lawful declaration that you are justified in His sight because of His Son Jesus.

**35**Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? **36**As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;

    we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

**37**No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

**13. The law of the Spirit dictates that you are more than a conqueror through Christ Jesus.**

Conquerer - Overcomer - hyper nikao - exceedingly a conquerer. Completely and exceedingly victorious

Think Joshua conquering Canaan

The law of the Spirit entitles you to a winning life!

Wherever the Spirit leads you, He has given you decisive victory. This is the law of the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 2:14 New International Version (NIV)

**14**But thanks be to God, who **always** leads us as captives in Christ’s triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere.

Come under the authority of the law of the Spirit and you will be given the power of the Spirit the win the Lord’s battles.

1 John 4:3-5 New International Version (NIV)

**3**but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

**4**You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

Overpower - cancer, addiction, injury, injustice, divorce, distraction, doubt, worry which is fear

1 John 5:[4](http://biblehub.com/1_john/5-4.htm) for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. [5](http://biblehub.com/1_john/5-5.htm) Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

**If Jesus is in your boat, you can’t sink.**

**38**For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, **39**neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**14. The most powerful thing in the whole world is the love of God. To live in the ocean of God’s love is to live by the law of the Spirit.**

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