

## Galatians 5:16-26 TPT-The Passion Translation

Let me emphasize this: As you yield to the dynamic life and power of the Holy Spirit, you will abandon the cravings of your self-life. When your self-life craves the things that offend the Holy Spirit you hinder him from living free within you! And the Holy Spirit's intense cravings hinder your self-life from dominating you! So then, the two incompatible and conflicting forces within you are your self-life of the flesh and the new creation life of the Spirit. But when you yield to the life of the Spirit, you will no longer be living under the law, but soaring above it! The behavior of the self-life is obvious: Sexual immorality, lustful thoughts, pornography, chasing after things instead of God, manipulating others, hatred of those who get in your way, senseless arguments, resentment when others are favored, temper tantrums, angry quarrels, only thinking of yourself, being in love with your own opinions, being envious of the blessings of others, murder, uncontrolled addictions, wild parties, and all other similar behavior. Haven't I already warned you that those who use their "freedom" for these things will not inherit the kingdom realm of God! But the fruit produced by the Holy Spirit within you is divine love in all its varied expressions: joy that overflows, peace that subdues, patience that endures, kindness in action, a life full of virtue, faith that prevails, gentleness of heart, and strength of spirit. Never set the law above these qualities, for they are meant to be limitless. Keep in mind that we who belong to Jesus Christ have already experienced crucifixion. For everything connected with our self-life was put to death on the cross and crucified with Messiah. If the Spirit is the source of our life, we must also allow the Spirit to direct every aspect of our lives. So may we never be arrogant, or look down on another, for each of us is an original. We must forsake all jealousy that diminishes the value of others.

### Subject: Yielding to the Holy Spirit

Yield, submit, surrender mean to give way or give up to someone or something. To yield is to admit that something is true under some degree of pressure, to surrender or yield ground to an enemy. Yielding to the Holy Spirit involves submitting to his plan.

Some Christians need to yield or surrender to the Holy Spirit so they can grow in the thing of God. In other words Surrender to his will. If you are leaning more toward the flesh, this natural man, or your sinful nature, the end result will bring death. When you chose to comply or act in accordance with the Holy Spirit you will become productive and produce fruits, and you can expect a harvest. Yielding to the flesh will reap corruption and condemnation. Romans 8:23 for the

wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life. Flesh and the spirit are at war with one another.

In Christian prayer, yielding to the Holy Spirit is a way of acknowledging that the Holy Spirit has the right of way in every area of your life. It involves surrendering to the Spirit's power and authority, and submitting to His will. This can include:

Emptying your hands: Approaching God with an open heart, ready to receive from Him

Yielding your plans: Giving up your own desires and will, and allowing the Holy Spirit to guide you

Following the Spirit's lead: Saying yes when the Spirit prompts you to take action, and obeying its direction

Yielding to the Holy Spirit can help people become more like Jesus, helping to overcome challenges, and experience God's power in your life. It can also allow God to make changes in specific areas, such as finances, relationships, or eating habits.

Romans 6:13 speaks of being yielded to God, and Romans 6:19 mentions yielding our bodies to righteousness.

You yield to the Spirit when you depend on His wisdom and power to do what He wants you to do. Yielding to the Spirit is following His leadership. He leads the way—how we should act, behave, speak or minister, and we follow. His primary method of leading us is by His Word, the Bible.

Scripture also mentions being filled with the Spirit—being fully surrendered to Him and functioning in His power and freedom. Both walking in and being filled with the Spirit necessitates yielding to His control.

Yielding to the Spirit is opposite to grieving Him (Ephesians 4:30), quenching Him (1 Thessalonians 5:19), or resisting Him (Acts 7:51). Those who are yielded to the Holy Spirit will not be doing that which offends Him, they will not dampen His influence in their hearts, and they will not oppose His will.

Some good examples of believers yielding to the Holy Spirit are found in the book of Acts. The believers gathered in a house in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost, and were there in obedience to the risen Lord's command to "stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high" (Luke 24:49). That power came in the Person of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2:4, when "all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit; under his control after his indwelling, this was the manifestation of God's Glory; they began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them." This is how the Holy Spirit manifested himself through them. Anytime something is filled there will be and overflow. These disciples, yielded to the Spirit, proclaimed the gospel to the multitudes, and the church began

because they were just empowered or equipped to do the works of God. He is now dwelling in them as a result of a supernatural manifestation signs and wonders will follow them. Because they are now accompanied by the Holy Spirit or the Spirit of God.

The first encounter with the aid of the Holy Spirit presence involved instructions during their foreign missions. The foreign missions began when the church in Syrian Antioch was “worshiping the Lord and fasting, [and] the Holy Spirit said, ‘Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them’” (Acts 13:2). Yielding to the Spirit, the church “fasted and prayed, . . . placed their hands on them and sent them off” (Acts 13:3).

On the second missionary journey, Paul and his companions, Silas and Timothy, were traveling through Asia Minor preaching the gospel. But then the Spirit began to redirect them: “Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus or the Holy Spirit would not allow them to. So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas” (Acts 16:6–8). That night in Troas, Paul had a vision that guided the missionaries to Macedonia. The gospel was brought to Europe because Paul and his companions were yielding to the Spirit.

The Holy Spirit would have us “give thanks in all circumstances” (1 Thessalonians 5:18), do good works (1 Peter 2:15), and “be sanctified,” avoiding sexual immorality (1 Thessalonians 4:3). The Spirit desires that we count ourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ (Romans 6:11). He desires us to know the love of Christ (Ephesians 3:18–19) and be conformed to the image of Christ (Romans 8:29). He wants those who trust in Christ to be assured that they are God’s own children (Romans 8:16). As we yield to the Spirit, allowing Him full control of our lives, we will see the fruit of the Spirit being produced in us (Galatians 5:22–23), and we can look forward to “a harvest of righteousness and peace” (Hebrews 12:11).

### How to Yield to the Holy Spirit

**This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh (Galatians 5:16 KJV)**

Yielding to the Spirit is like showing a road to the cross. You must make the decision to cross over to the other side.

Do you want to walk intimately with God, know Him deeply, and experience fully His presence and power in your life? If you do, the secret lies in this one word: yield. At least three fundamental truths are connected to the idea of yielding to the Spirit: surrendering, trusting, and following.

1. The first step to yielding to the Spirit is surrendering your will to Him. When we surrender, we choose to do what He wants, even if His will is contrary to what we want. We surrender to God in love, knowing He loves us so deeply, more than we love ourselves; therefore, He wants our best, and we will be happiest when we do what He wants. No other Christian action is more important—and more difficult— than giving Him our will.

Once surrendered, we yield further to the Spirit by trusting in His abilities rather than yours. One of the few things which will quench God's power or activity in our lives and that is exhorting our own efforts. It is truly not by might, nor by power, but by the Spirit of God. You yield to the Spirit when you depend on His wisdom and power to do what He wants you to do.

2. I Only Do What I See The Father Doing was Jesus declaration. This mean dying to self. The phrase "dying to self" is a Christian concept that appears throughout the New Testament. It's a lifelong process that involves denying self-seeking and egoism, and trusting that God has what's best for us. It's also a way of expressing the essence of the Christian life, which is to take up a cross and follow Christ.

Dying to self means **that the things of the old life are put to death, most especially the sinful ways and lifestyles we once engaged in**

3. Last but not least, yielding to the Spirit is following His leadership. He leads the way—how we should act, behave, speak or minister, and we follow. His primary method of leading us is by His Word, the Bible. His Word stored in your heart is His primary tool to lead your character and ministry. He can also use other methods, such as the gifts of the Spirit or godly counsel. Whatever the method, we are to yield to Him. Whenever we decide to follow we would find ourselves be doing what He tells us to do.

Would you yield to the Spirit today? Progressively yield more and more to Him, and your life will glow with God's Glory. Ask the Father to help you become willing to yield to Him.

As we yield to the Spirit, allowing Him full control of our lives, we will see the fruit of the Spirit being produced in us (Galatians 5:22-23), and we can look forward to "a harvest of righteousness and peace" (Hebrews 12:11). The way may not be easy and we may have to cry sometime, so cry if you must but still yield.

Future reference:

The Spirit-Filled Life: Discovering the Joy of Surrendering to the Holy Spirit by Charles Stanley

Song: I say yes Lord yes, to your will and to your way