

Spirit-Empowered Christian Living: Part 3***Romans 8:1-17 (p. #944 in pew Bible)******Big Idea: The Holy Spirit will not do what Christians are supposed to do.***

- I. Christians have the responsibility to, “_____” according to the Spirit” (instead of, “Walking according to the _____.”) (8:4)
- A. “_____ (literally, “Are”) according to the Spirit” (8:5)
- B. “_____ on the Spirit” (8:6)
- C. “By the Spirit _____ the deeds of the body” (8:13)
- D. “_____ by the Spirit” (8:14)
- E. “_____ the Spirit of adoption as sons by whom _____, ‘Abba! Father!’” (8:15)
- II. Christians have full _____ through the Holy Spirit that they are the children of God. (8:16-17)

A. This assurance is _____ through the **fruit of the Holy Spirit**, even in the middle of great _____. (8:17b)

B. This assurance comes through _____ to the Holy Spirit's **leading, conviction, and commands**.

Observations

- Spirit-empowered Christian living is ***not mysterious and is not just for "elite saints."***
- Spirit-empowered Christian living is ***not impossible*** for true, born-again, **biblical** Christians.
- Spirit-empowered Christian living is ***not*** just possible for every Christian—it is mandated and **it will happen**.
- Spirit-empowered Christian living does ***not*** happen without the **active obedience** of Christians to the Word and Spirit of God.

Application

1. **Read** God's Word and learn to **meditate** on its truths with a heart and mind that are ready to **obey** His truth.
2. **Ask** God to help you to obey the Holy Spirit's **leading and commands** to "put to death" the sinful deeds of your body.
3. **Rejoice** in the steadfast ministry of the Holy Spirit towards you and **rest** in God's promised success for you and for every biblical Christian who obeys Him.