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THE "STOICHOS" SHUFFLE

Our lesson title comes from the Greek word for "walk" (stoicheo) recorded in:

(Gal.5:25-26) "If we live by the Spirit, let us **walk (stoicheo) by the Spirit**. Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another."

Stoicheo is the verbal form of "walk" and means to "march in step like in a marching band or military". In the military, you learn to march by cadence or rhythm – thus THE "STOICHOS" SHUFFLE.

This lesson will study FOUR aspects of doing The Stoichos Shuffle with the indwelling Holy Spirit.

1. Paul says that you have to LIVE by the Spirit before you can WALK by the Spirit - or do the Stoichos Shuffle with the Spirit.

(Gal.5:25-26) "If (1cc) [and it's true] we live (zao/ p.a.ind.1pl) [main verb] by Spirit (pneuma/ inst.s.m)."

Living by The Spirit or **Spiritual Life** is one (1) of the eight (8) ministries (Works) performed by The Spirit to everyone who believes the gospel of Jesus Christ (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9) [[50 Things FREE](#)].

(Eph.2:4-5) "But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)."
(Rom.8:9-11; John 6:63)

2. Please note that Paul changed the Greek word he used for "walk" (peripateo) in (Gal.5:16) to "walk in step" (stoicheo) in (Gal.5:25).

Paul used the peripateo "walk" to contrast the internal struggle between the Old Sin Nature (OSN) and the Indwelling Holy Spirit (HIS) (Gal.5:16-17).

In (Gal.5:25-26), Paul changed peripateo "walk" to The Stoichos Shuffle to emphasize the important of keeping in step with the indwelling Spirit in the Christian Way of Life (CWL).

3. The Greek grammar of our lesson text is important to understanding Paul's doctrine on The Stoichos Shuffle and Spirituality (Gal.5:13-26).

It begins with, "**If (1cc)** [and it's True] **we live** (main verb) **by the Spirit,**" which is essential to understanding the doctrine of spiritual life, the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit, (peripateo) "walk" and (stoicheo) "walking in step with one another". (1 Cor.6:19-20; Gal.3:2-3) [Two of the eight works of the Holy Spirit accomplished at the moment of Grace Salvation].

(Peripateo) walking and (Stoicheo) walking come as a result of Spiritual Life. Paul says the key to maintaining the (peripateo) walk of (Gal.5:16) is learning The (stoichos) Shuffle of (Gal.5:25).

4. The next Greek grammar that is important to understand is the dynamics of the first class conditional clause (protasis) [if this is true] and (apodosis) [then this is true].

The **main verb** “Live” (zao/ p.a.ind.1pl) is part of the protasis clause. “If we live by the Spirit” is the protasis (and it is true) then the rest of (Gal.5:25-26) the apodosis (is also true).

The apodosis is very interesting. It consists of two hortatory subjunctives and two complementary participles.

- “**Let us** also walk (stoicheo/ **p.a.subj.1pl**) by the Spirit”
- “**Let us** not become (me ginomai/ **p.m.subj.1pl**) boastful,
- Challenging
 - (prokaleo/ **p.m.ptc.nplm**/ complementary verbal ptc/ **completes the idea of action of main verb**/ if we live by the Spirit)
- one another, (allelon/aplm) envying (phthoneo/ **p.a.ptc.nplm**) one another (allelon/ dplm).”