

LED BY THE SPIRIT! Last month I talked about Sin, this month I want to show you how to avoid sin in your life, these may be basic principles but they should never be forgotten. Even as we rode in January, the Holy Spirit was telling me that we were constantly going too fast, this was due to the fact that I had not really laid down any ground rules at the time (*we all learn*).

We are ambassadors for Christ, regardless of if we wear an emblem or not. One man came to me during the ride and said we should have prayed for the person who was sick before we started, he was right! No excuses, but I was so overwhelmed with the response at the ride everything slipped my mind, but now I have had time to reflect on the day. We need to be a witness to other riders that we can have fun and still be a Christian and love God. **Rom 8:4** says "*the righteousness of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit*". **Rom 8:14** tells us that "*as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God*".

People are not going to notice anything different about us because we ride a nice bike, live in a big house, have the best job etc... All these things God wants us to have, but what the world will notice is that there is something **different** about us because we have Joy, Peace, Patience, Love for one another. When we rely upon the Spirit of God every part of our day we can give answers with the wisdom of God.

Did you know that the disciples of Jesus went into all the world and preached the gospel, relying upon the guidance of the Holy Spirit, Jesus himself even said I do nothing of myself unless I see my Father do it. Last year I burnt out in ministry as a Pastor because I got into the flesh and stopped having my quiet time with God, I made a few other mistakes, I went the wrong direction, and worst of all, I nearly backslid. Thanks be to God I didn't, I was accused of many things and lost a lot of people's trust, what was my response?

I got back into the word big time! I started listening for that small still voice, this year the Lord showed me that what I went through was just a mountain that I had not conquered 10 years earlier, I kept my attitude right and my mouth shut! In other words I didn't take offence.

I can tell you, if I had of taken offence the Devil would have had a field day with me and totally destroyed my Christian walk, I have seen it many time before with others as a Pastor. By the way I am no longer a Pastor, God has given me a gift of teaching but not full time from the pulpit. I once heard Col Stringer say "*there are to many shearers in the pulpit and not enough Shepherds, shearers are there to get their wages and don't care if they cut, nick or hurt the sheep, shepherds are there to love and care for the sheep*". We all have a call in God, whether it is being the unseen intercessor or the man or woman of God in the pulpit or somewhere in between, personally I know some intercessors and they receive more joy, peace and blessings of God than some Evangelists or preachers, but we all need to be faithful to our calling in God.

If we get out of the will of God, that is where we get into trouble **Gal 5:18** reveals to us "*if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law*". God's will for the new testament Christian is grace, mercy, forgiveness, the Law is one of judgement, eye for an eye, revenge, and hard works. **"Works" are not necessarily GOD!** We need to be led of the Spirit in our life and then the blessings of God will flow, the last 8 months of my life I have been more blessed than the previous 18 months to 2 years, simply because I got out of the will of God, he wanted me to move on to a different area in my Christian walk but I was far away from hearing him or stupid (*not sure which one*), but my direction now is in his footsteps, his ways, his paths.

I really love the scripture that says work out your own salvation daily with fear and trembling **Phil 2v12**. Don't judge another's walk, watch your own steps and as **Eph 4:30** says "*do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you are sealed until the day of redemption*".

Do not be a respecter of persons, God loves everyone the same whether they agree with you or not, that is what Bikers for Christ is all about, accepting people for who they are, not for how much money or what things they have or can do for me, we need more quality fellowship.

Jesus set the example for us - so with help of his Spirit we can follow his footsteps, he accepted tax collectors, prostitutes, the sick, the needy and he shunned those who thought they were '*mightier than thou*' or '*holier*' than society. Actually, I heard a man preach once saying that the religious rulers of Jesus' time actually had a walkway above general society to their synagogues so as not to become unclean. Don't separate yourself from people, I heard a Pastor say once and I respect him for being so bold and true, he said "*Christianity is not all about money and computers it is all about Jesus and people*".

To me Christianity is to have a more joyful life than the world system, why do I say that because Jesus said "I have come to give you life **MORE** abundantly **John 10:10**", I am glad he said more abundantly, you can have fun in this world but you have life more abundantly in Jesus. Be Led of the Spirit today! Seek his will for your life on a daily basis. Bless ya and stay upright - Roscoe.