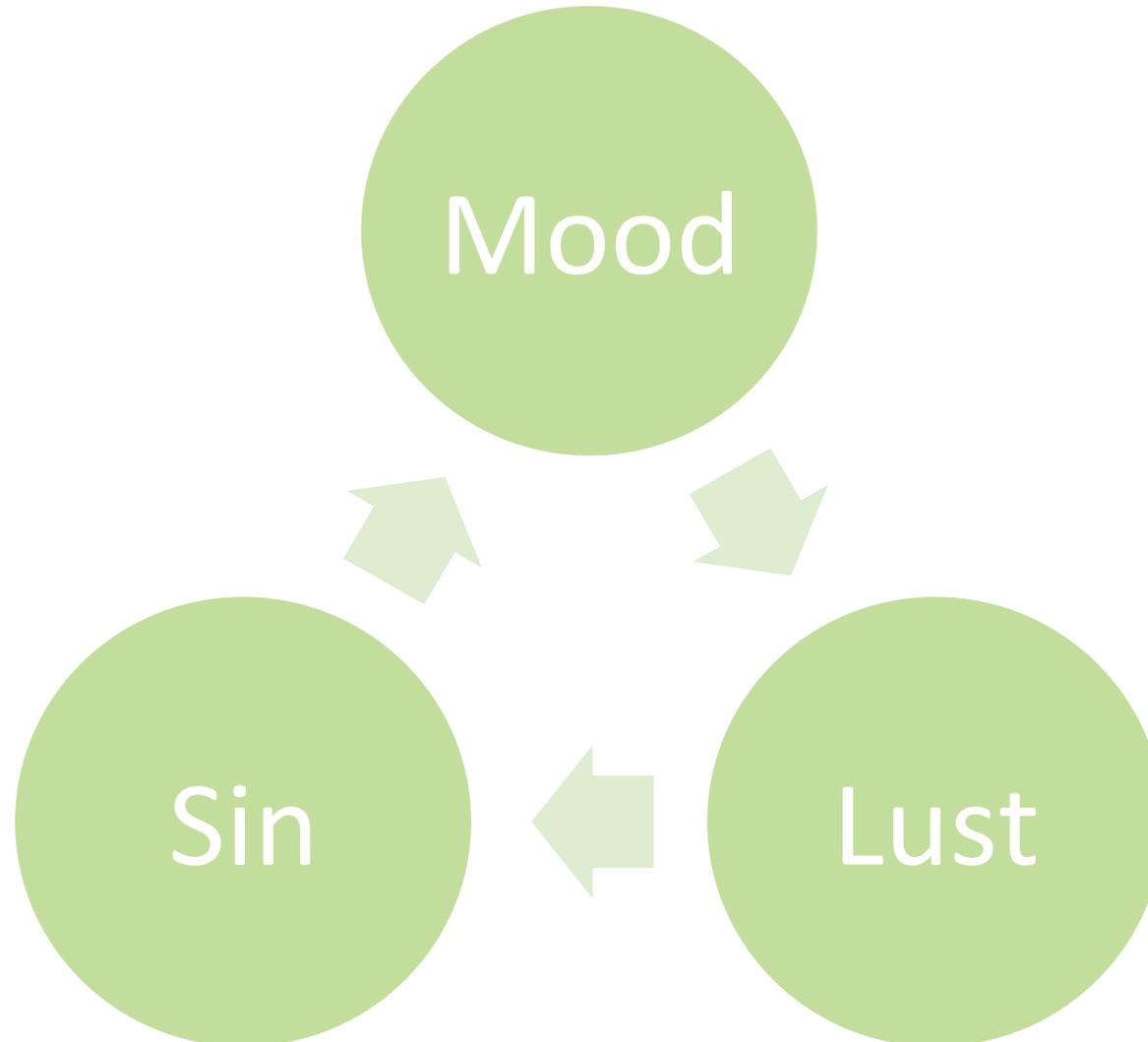




# **Acceptance and Fruit of the Spirit**

BWGI Chapter 9

# Review: Acceptance & Mood



# Mood & the Law



1. Guilt & Fear
2. Worthlessness
3. Shame

Application:

Image Replacement:

- How would God Respond?

# Galatians 5: 16-26



*16* So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. *17* For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. *18* But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. *19* The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; *20* idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions *21* and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like.

# Galatians 5: 16-26



I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup> Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. <sup>26</sup> Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

- Story of my student in Seminary

# Flesh vs. Spirit: The Danger of the LIST



Works of the Flesh	Fruit of the Spirit
Sexual Immorality, impurity, Sensuality	Love
Idolatry, sorcery	Joy
Enmity	Peace
Strife	Patience
Jealousy	Kindness
Fits of Anger	Goodness
Rivalries	Faithfulness
Dissensions	Gentleness
Divisions	Self- Control
Envy	
Drunkenness, orgies	

# Spirit vs. Flesh



## Spirit

Walk (v. 16)

Fruit (v. 22)

Belong to Christ (v. 24)  
Led (v. 18)

Live & “Walk/Step” by  
the Spirit (v. 25)

## Flesh

Gratified/Perform/Obey  
a command (v. 16)

Works (v. 19): business/  
employment

Enslave by the LAW  
(5:1-15)

Crucified the flesh (v.  
24)

# Flesh vs. Spirit



Fruit of the Spirit: Acceptance & Belong	Works of the Flesh: Performance & Twisting of God's Gift
Love	Sexual Immorality, impurity, Sensuality, orgies
Joy	Idolatry, sorcery (Performance to Deity)
Peace	Enmity (antagonizing)
Patience	Strife (bitter discord b/c comparison)
Kindness	Jealousy, Envy, (comparison)
Goodness	Fits of Anger (I got slighted/ comparison)
Faithfulness	Rivalries, dissensions, divisions (comparison / struggle for power)
Gentleness	Drunkenness (Substance abuse)
Self- Control	

# Walk by the Spirit



- Walk: “Peripateo” (v. 16)
  - to regulate one's life
  - to conduct one's self
- (v. 25) Walk/ Step: “Stoicheo”
  - to proceed in a row as the march of a soldier, go in order
  - metaph. to go on prosperously, to turn out well

# Walk vs. Step



WALK (v. 16)	STEP (v. 25)/ LED (v. 18)
Total Rearrangement	Sensitive to the Guidance of the Spirit
No more Performance Mentality	Living out of Christ's Performance
No more Comparison Mentality	Living out of Acceptance
Aware of the Negative Moods/ Feelings	Cultivate Positive Feelings
Intercepts the Addictive Cycle	Create families, organizations, full of the Spirit



## WALK

- Fill your mind with positive things
- Fill your heart with positive feelings
- Fill your activities that are positive for you
- Understand the difference between THE LAW and DISCIPLINE
- Examine your negative emotions carefully
- Figure out what “instincts” that might cause the negative emotions
- Figure out what family background issues that contribute to your instincts
- Dwell on being “Belong to Christ”

## STEP/ LED

- See how the positive emotions works together
- LED by the Spirit is not under the LAW: These positive feelings are not “Worked at”/ manufactured
- Step with the spirit has dangers – (v. 26) becoming conceited, provoking, envying
- EX: Living with many people/ hospitality

# Discussion Questions



- How does the “Works of the Flesh” differ from “Fruit of the Spirit”?
- Give an example of “Works of the Flesh” that you still struggle with? Is there a negative mood/ feeling they are associated with? How does it relate to your family of origin?
- How can you tell that the “Fruit of the Spirit” is growing in your personal life?
- What are some ways you are actively “stepping” in the Spirit? Give an example what would that look like in your own life.