

## OPENING DISCUSSION

How do you typically make a decision?

How can you be confident that you have made the right decision?

How do you determine what is right and wrong?



## SERMON

What does it mean to walk by the Spirit? How is this different from the world?

What does it say about the nature of sin that the “works of the flesh” trap you, while being led by the Spirit sets you free? How does this compare to what the world says?

How are the “works of the flesh” contrasted with the “fruit of the Spirit?”

In both cases, the “works of the flesh” and the “fruit of the Spirit” are not the aims of Christians and non-Christians but the result of how one is led. How can being led by the Spirit ensure that you usually do the right thing?

What does it mean to crucify the flesh?

What does it take to continue to be led by the Spirit?

## APPLICATION

How can you know you are being led by Spirit?

How does the Spirit help you to know what is right and wrong?

Why do you think there are more “works of the flesh” than “fruit of the Spirit?”

How can you evaluate your life through the lens of the “fruit of the Spirit?”

Why is it dangerous to try and aspire to the “fruit” without aspiring to be led by the Spirit?

Why must being led by the Spirit precede our desired results?

How would your life be different if you determined to do nothing unless the Spirit is leading? How would our church be different if we all adopted this attitude?

Not a part of a Life Group at North Hills? Visit the church website and check out the different groups currently meeting. When you see one that interests you, click on the link provided and know that everyone will be glad you came!  
<https://church.north-hills.org/connect/small-group-ministry>

# NORTH HILLS CHURCH

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But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. *Galatians 5:16-25 (ESV)*

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2021-2022 Sermon Series: Authentic

### *Authentic Church: Spirit-Led*

Galatians 5:16-25

#### **AUTHENTIC PRINCIPLE:**

An authentic \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't move unless the \_\_\_\_\_ is leading.

1. The Spirit leads the church to know what is \_\_\_\_\_. (Galatians 5:16-18)

2. The Spirit leads the church to teach what is \_\_\_\_\_. (Galatians 5:22-25)

#### **RESPONSE:**

Are you \_\_\_\_\_ by the Spirit? Are you helping \_\_\_\_\_ to be led by the Spirit?

**Read the entire Bible chronologically in a year**

See the church newsletter for this week's Bible reading passages

(<https://church.north-hills.org/newsletters/weekly-newsletter>)



#### Collecting food for the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano

North Hills is collecting non-perishable food to help people in need throughout the community. According to their website, an astounding 1 in 9 residents turn to the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano for emergency and supplemental food. For those who are unable to make ends meet, the Food Bank helps cover one of life's basic needs — nutritious food.

You will find a large barrel at the **main entrance** and **senior parking lot entrance** of the Worship Center. Together, let's demonstrate God's love by filling both barrels. Whether you bring food from home or buy extra food the next time you are at a grocery store, contribute what you can so we can support the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano help people experiencing hunger or food insecurity in the community.

#### Upward Basketball

Yesterday (1/8) was the last day to register to play. We are still in need of people to serve as coaches and referees. To sign up, go to [church.north-hills.org/upward-basketball](http://church.north-hills.org/upward-basketball).

<b>Player Evaluations -</b>	January 11 (6:00 - 8:00 p.m.) and January 15 (9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)
<b>Coaches Training -</b>	January 20 (7:00 - 8:00 p.m.) and January 23 (2:00 - 3:00 p.m.)
<b>Referee Training -</b>	January 23 (12:30 - 1:30 p.m.) and January 27 (7:00 - 8:00 p.m.)
<b>Parent Orientation -</b>	February 13
<b>First Practice: -</b>	Week of February 21
<b>First Game -</b>	March 5

#### Online Old Testament Survey Course

Starting TONIGHT (1/9), Gateway ADVANCE at North Hills will begin meeting for the Spring semester on Sundays from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. and Tuesdays from 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. The instructor is David Quitevis. To check out the course syllabus, go to [church.north-hills.org/connect/gateway-advance](http://church.north-hills.org/connect/gateway-advance). There is still time to sign-up for the course. If you have any questions or would like to register, email David at [iqdq@yahoo.com](mailto:iqdq@yahoo.com).

#### Outdoor Children's Ministry on Sunday mornings

Parents and guardians, we ask that you go to the **main entrance** of the Worship Center to check your child in. After service, please go to the Preschool Playground in a timely fashion to check your child out. While our Sunday morning Children's Worship is designed for children, it is not mandatory children attend. Parents and guardians are welcome to keep their children with them in the Worship Center if they prefer.

#### Communication Cards and Offering Envelopes

At the **main entrance** and **senior parking lot entrance** of the Worship Center, you will find special new boxes when you leave today. If you have filled out a Communication Card or Offering Envelope, please insert them into either of the boxes (please note the boxes will remain out for 15 minutes after the service). For those who prefer to contribute online, simply go to [north-hills.org](http://north-hills.org) and click on Support NH or text GIVE to (707) 289-7600.