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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

Rom. 8:14 *For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. Gal. 5:25* *Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.* (NIV)

What does it mean to ‘walk in the Spirit?’ The Greek word is **peripateo** which means a habitual lifestyle. It is in the present tense which means it is an on-going, continuous walk. We get the word perpetuity from this word. So, for us to live by the Spirit and be led by the Spirit, we must recognize the Holy Spirit’s promptings. The fact is that the Holy Spirit is constantly prompting us and speaking to us. He knows the things of God. **John 16:13** *“But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on His own; He will speak only what He hears, and He will tell you what is yet to come.”* (NIV) He also has the perfect answer for every situation. **1 Cor. 2:9-12** *“However, as it is written: ‘What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived’—the things God has prepared for those who love Him—these are the things God has revealed to us by His Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who knows a person’s thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us.”* (NIV) He is showing us the mind and heart of God. So, we must recognize His voice by anticipating that He is speaking and paying attention to what He is saying. And here then is the key: we must respond to His promptings in obedience. Again, *you will not hear from God in regard to the ‘unknowns’ of His will until you are obeying Him in the ‘knowns’ of His will. And, you will not know God’s will regarding the big issues of your life until you are obeying Him in the small issues of your life.* We must be faithful in the simple, daily things before He will show us the bigger and more powerful things of life.

Dear LORD, help us to walk in You in every aspect of life. This is a life of constant listening and obedience. This is not natural for us because we were born in sin and prone to fulfill our selfish desire. We must submit ourselves to you constantly every day. We need You LORD. In Jesus Name, Amen