

The Holy Spirit Lives Within Us

Keep these ideas in mind as you study Chapter 21.

When a rich young man asked Jesus what he needed to do to have eternal life, Jesus told him to keep the commandments. Jesus also told the young man that to show love, he had to let go of his earthly treasure. Then he would gain more valuable treasure in heaven. The rich young man had a hard time giving up everything. Sometimes it is hard for us to follow Jesus. Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to help us follow him.

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♣ Paul tells us that if we are like mirrors of the Lord, we will grow brighter and brighter as we change into the image of Jesus. The Spirit helps us be like Jesus. The Spirit shares good things with us such as patience, kindness, generosity, love, faith, joy, and peace.

- ♦ When you are tempted, you want to do something that is wrong or hurtful. Temptation is not the same as sin.
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- Personal sins are active choices that we make to do what we know offends God. When we sin, we may hurt ourselves and others. Our sins offend God.
- ❖ In a letter to the Galatians, Paul said that the Spirit will help us not be selfish. The Holy Spirit will help us do what is good and avoid sin.

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