

If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit (Gal. 5:25).

You have heard on the news or read in the newspaper of someone was arrested for being DUI. Of course, this means that someone was driving under the influence (of alcohol). My suggestion is that Christians are never to be DUI but LUI. If I am going to be arrested it needs to be because there is enough evidence that I am LUI, living under the influence (of the Spirit).

In Eph. 5:18, the apostle Paul says that Christians are not to be drunk on wine, but be filled (drunk) with the Spirit. The major influence of our life is not to be sinful things, but the influence of God's Spirit. Every child of God receives the indwelling of the Holy Spirit at baptism (Ac. 2:38; 5:29). From that day forward, brethren are to be led by the Spirit (Rom. 8:14), and taught by the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God (Eph. 6:17).

Living under the influence (of the Spirit) says that I won't be listening to all of the other voices in the world that want to influence me. I will desire to be drunk (filled with) God's word and know of His will for my life. If I am richly filled with the word of Christ (Col. 3:16), there won't be any room for carnal things.

What kind of influence(s) do you have working in your life? Let me suggest that you never be DUI with the things of the world, but LUI of the Spirit. Only those who hunger and thirst for righteousness will be filled (Mt. 5:8).

See you Sunday!

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