

THE WAY




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. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

Galatians 5:16–26 NIV2011



The Two Ways

The Two Ways Described

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Galatians 5:19, 22

The Source: Flesh or Spirit

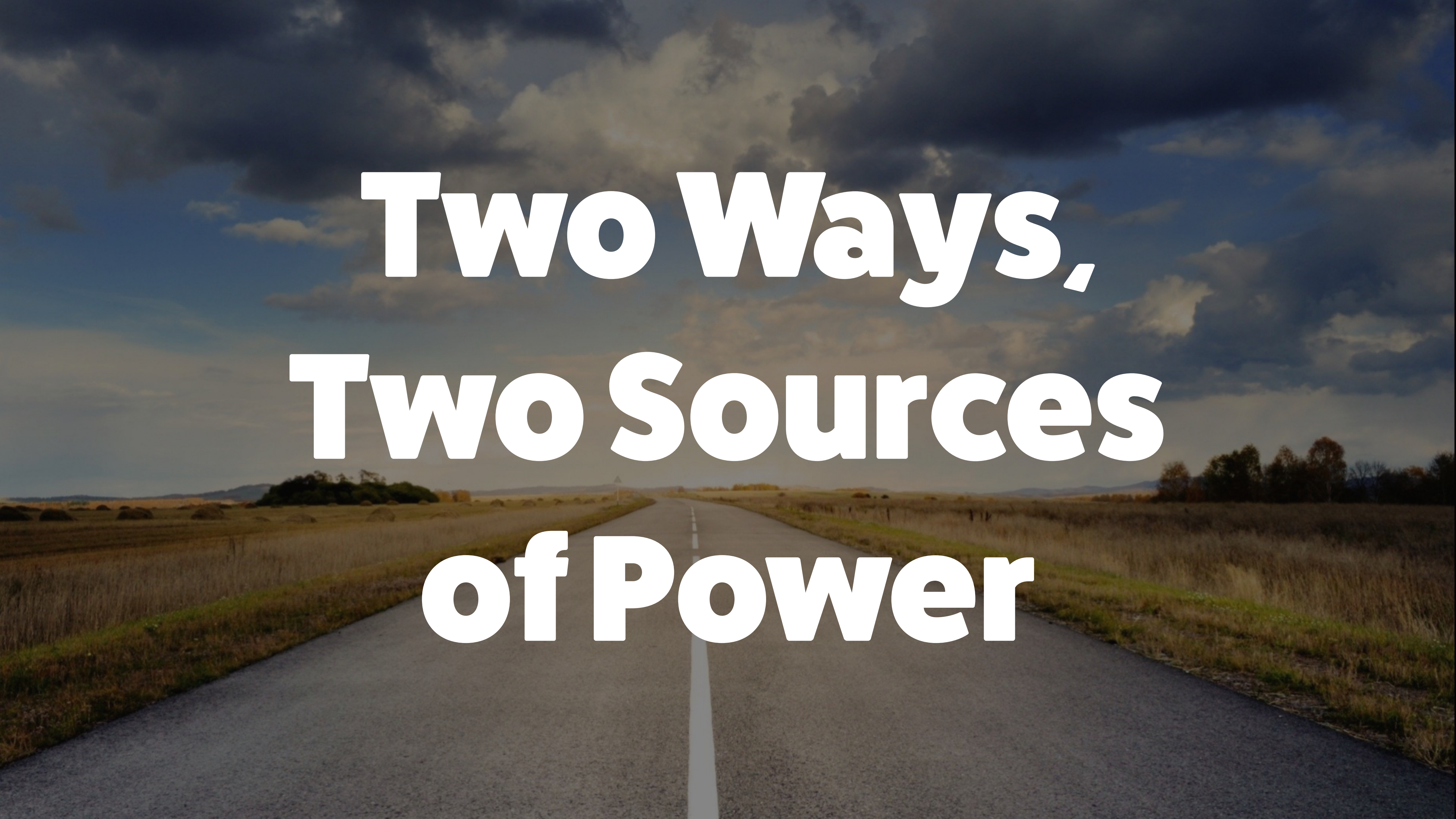
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Galatians 5:16–17

Two Different Patterns of Life

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Galatians 5:19, 22

A long, straight asphalt road with a white dashed center line stretches from the foreground into the distance. The road is flanked by fields of tall, dry grass. In the background, there are rolling hills and a line of trees under a sky filled with large, dark, dramatic clouds. The overall mood is contemplative and expansive.

Two Ways, Two Sources of Power

The Way of the Flesh

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Galatians 5:19–21

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The Way of the Spirit

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control.

Galatians 5:22–23

The Law - No Power!

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Galatians 5:18, 23

The Law - No Power!

For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Romans 8:3–4

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Romans 7 vs. Romans 8

	Romans 7	Romans 8
Law	23	5
Spirit	1	21

The Source of Power - The Spirit!

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A scenic landscape featuring a paved road that recedes into the distance, flanked by fields of tall grass and hay bales. The sky is filled with large, dramatic clouds, with a bright light source breaking through near the horizon, creating a soft glow. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

APPLYING THE WORD

The Table of Grace

