

**The second phase of Step Three in Sanctification is that**

- 2. We are to be becoming progressively more alive to the power of innate righteousness.**

**Paul deals with this phase in a few places in this passage:-**

**Romans 6: 13b ... “ .....but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness”.**

**Romans 6:19 “I put this in human terms because you are weak in you natural selves. Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer them in slavery to righteousness leading to holiness”.**

**Romans 8:4 “ ...in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit”.**

**To “walk after the Spirit” means to live under the increasing control of the Spirit, whose purpose it is to produce righteous character and conduct in us.**

**Romans 8: 5b, 6b... “....but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.....but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace;”**

**To “ set one’s mind” on the things of the Spirit is to dwell upon, concentrate on, think about, the things which pertain to the Spirit rather than the things that pertain to innate sin. It means to think about righteous things and be molded by them rather than by sinful things or things which do not edify.**

**It means to concentrate on:**

**“whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just ( or righteous), whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever**