

LIVING ACCORDING TO THE SPIRIT

ROMANS 8:5-8

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- Those who live according to the _____ (non-Christians).
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That is, they set their minds on the things of the flesh, not the things of God. -- Matthew 16:21-23

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