

WALKING WITH GOD

I. PHYSICALLY WALKING – SPIRITUALLY WALKING

- A. We can walk with people, but we are talking about walking with God.
- B. Walking means taking one step at a time. We are to take one step at a time with God, and He is taking one step at a time with us.
- C. Walking with God means we have direction and purpose in life.
- D. Sometimes walking means taking smaller steps, and later on, bigger steps.
- E. When we walk with God, we are making progress, are getting closer to our goal.
- F. Walking means thinking about the next step. What does God want me to do next?
- G. Walking with someone usually means you are communicating with them. This is what God wants for you, to be talking and listening to Him as you go through life.
- H. Walking with God means walking with one other person, with God Himself.
- I. When we walk with God then He is leading us, and we are following His lead.
- J. God walks with us for the purpose of leading us, protecting us and loving us. Walking with God is a picture of both relationship and purpose. It is also a picture of our unity with Him, of closeness to Him and commitment to Him.

II. WALKING WITH GOD MEANS THERE IS HOLINESS – Genesis 6:8-9

A. Noah experienced God's grace, and was forgiven by God. Because of God's grace, then Noah was righteous in God's eyes. Because Noah was righteous, then he lived a righteous life, had a relationship with God, walked with God, and obeyed God. Genesis 6:22

B. We need to be holy if we are to walk with God. 1 John 1:5-7, Hebrews 12:15

III. WALKING WITH GOD MEANS HAVING FAITH IN GOD - Hebrews 11:1-3, 5-6

A. Enoch was made righteous, and therefore honored and obeyed God.

B. Enoch was pleasing to God because he was a man of faith. He believed that God existed, that He was the Creator, and he trusted God for His salvation.

C. Enoch had faith to be saved, but to also live for God for 300 years. He was not living according to His thoughts and desires. He was trusting God, doing what God wanted Him to do. Faith also means believing God wants to use you, bless you and reward you. It's by faith that you walk with God and live for God. 2 Corinthians 5:7, Ephesians 2:8-10

IV. WALKING WITH GOD MEANS THERE IS PURPOSE – Jude 14-15

Enoch was a preacher of righteousness, one who was preaching God's coming judgment. As we walk with God, then God will give us work to do. Genesis 6, 12

V. WALKING WITH GOD MEANS WALKING WITH THE SPIRIT – Galatians 5:16

A. When we walk with God then we are walking with the Spirit, having this fellowship with God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit. 2 Cor. 13:14

B. Walking in the Spirit means being led by the Spirit, being sensitive to the Spirit, and doing what the Spirit wants and empowers you to do. It means keeping in step with the Spirit and living a purposeful life. Romans 8:12-14, Galatians 5:25

C. The key to walking in the Spirit is to be filled up with the word of God. The sword of the Spirit is the word of God. Ephesians 6:17, John 17:17. It is God's word that instructs you, encourages you, tells you how to live, and essentially then, how to walk with God. Psalm 119:105

D. Ephesians 4:1-3, 17-19; Ephesians 5:1-2, 15-17

I, THE PRISONER OF THE LORD, IMPLORE YOU TO WALK IN A MANNER WORTHY OF THE CALLING WITH WHICH YOU HAVE RECEIVED, WITH ALL HUMILITY AND GENTLENESS, WITH PATIENCE, SHOWING TOLERANCE FOR ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE...

Ephesians 4:1-2

SOME QUESTIONS TO ANSWER:

1. What is the main thing that you believe God wants you to learn from this lesson?
2. How does physically walking illustrate how you are to spiritually walk with God?
3. What does it look like if you are not walking with God?
4. Why is holiness essential if you are to walk with God?
5. What does it mean to walk by faith and not by sight?
6. What is your purpose in life? Where are you going? How are you serving God?
7. How do you walk by the Spirit? What are the results of walking by the Spirit?