**Walk the Walk**

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**Introduction**

Almost everyone has heard the expression, “Don’t just talk the talk, walk the walk!” or one similar to it. The meaning of such a phrase is that one should not only talk a good line (i.e., perform or live properly), but also live it. To put it another way, a person should mirror (practice) what he preaches. Hardly anyone will disagree with this maxim; yet, the reality is that adherence to this truth is rarely the norm, among any class of people.

The recognition of the violation of this honorable rule is frequently reserved for the politician, be it the President of these United States or a local city councilman, or some other individual who occupies a recognizable position of authority, whether it be within a local company, a worldwide cooperation, a labor union, or, sadly, a religious institution.

And such recognition is almost always well deserved, since any person who has been selected to exercise authority over others swiftly forgets that he or she is no better or more important than those over whom he or she may rule over. Furthermore, those of the “ruling class” often cannot perceive being placed under their own dictates, often decreeing exceptions for the “ruling class.”

(See [America's Ruling Class – And the Perils of Revolution!](http://www.koffeekupkandor.com/political-too.php#America's Ruling Class – And the Perils of Revolution!))

Such is easily seen in this country’s National Government, at every level and with most every type of elected representative. Frankly, it appears to be quite easy to forget that one is simply a “citizen” and not a “king.” Well, such is quite natural when “term limits” are nonexistent. And the result, over the years, has resulted in an almost untouchable, elite “ruling class” and an atrociously colossal National Government, the likes of which would astound and horrify the Founders of this Republic. It is little wonder why historically nations fall as a result of the eventual deathblow resulting from an ever increasing takeover (involvements, engrossments) of their central governments.

But this should not astonish any student of God’s Word, since such behavior is the norm for every person of the human race, the natural outgrowth of man’s fallen nature, which is well-documented within the Word. When Adam violated God’s specific instruction pertaining to the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil in the Garden of Eden, as the head (representative) of the human race, he died spiritually (**Genesis 2:16, 17; 3:6b, 7a**); and, this condition was passed on to his progeny, i.e., all born after him (**Romans 5:12ff**).

**The Christian Walk**

The intrinsic merit of the axiom, “Don’t just talk the talk, walk the walk!” or, in other words, “Don’t be a hypocrite!” is an unalterable truism of God’s Word, a truth that is not only embedded within God’s instruction for man but which is a foundational element in the pinnacle achievement of Christian living.

The word “walk” as used in Scripture is a term indicating both “direction” and “action,” which leads to a determined objective or end. It essentially reflects the character of the one walk. It is an expressive means in describing one’s “devotion” or “allegiance.” It is a term profusely utilized throughout Scripture to indicate the direction one may take or indeed takes before God. But for the Christian such a “walk” involves more than simply the adherence to general truth; it in fact defines “ultimate truth,” that which is rooted in and mirrors Almighty God.

In God’s Word to “walk the walk” is shown by (1) examples, (2) content, and (3) consequences.

**Examples**

Enoch and Noah “*walked* *with God*,” the quintessence, the epitome of the manner embodied in the phrase, “walk the walk” as it relates to ultimate truth — the Word of God.

*After he begot Methuselah*, *Enoch walked with God three hundred years*, *and had sons and daughters*. . . . (**24**) *And Enoch walked with God; and he was not*, *for God took him*. (**Genesis 5:22**, **24**)

*This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man*, *perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God*. (**Genesis 6:9**)

To “walk the walk” is the foundational element of walking “*before*” God.

*When Abram was ninety-nine years old*, *the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him*, “*I am Almighty God*; *walk before Me and be blameless*.” (**Genesis 17:1**)

*And he blessed Joseph*, *and said*: “*God*, *before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked* . . . .” (**Genesis 48:15a**)

**Content**

To “walk the walk” is to walk in (according and in obedience to) God’s Law, i.e., His moral judgments, ordinances, and instructions.

*Then the LORD said to Moses*, “*Behold*, *I will rain bread from heaven for you*. *And the people shall go out and gather a certain quota every day*, *that I may test them*, *whether they will walk in My law or not*.” (**Exodus 16:4**)

*And you shall teach them the statutes and the laws*, *and show them the way in which they must walk and the work they must do*. (**Exodus 18:20**)

*You shall observe My judgments and keep My ordinances*, *to walk in them*: *I am the LORD your God*. (**Leviticus 18:4**)

*But take careful heed to do the commandment and the law which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you*, *to love the LORD your God*, *to walk in all His ways*, *to keep His commandments*, *to hold fast to Him*, *and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul*. (**Joshua 22:5**)

**Consequences**

Be assured that to walk “with” or “before” God (“in” His Law) has its consequences, depending of course in which direction one walks.

*If you walk in My statutes and keep My commandments*, *and perform them* . . . (**12**) *I will walk among you and be your God*, *and you shall be My people*. . . . (**23**) *And if by these things you are not reformed by Me*, *but walk contrary to Me*, (**24**) *then I also will walk contrary to you*, *and I will punish you yet seven times for your sins*. . . . (**27**) *And after all this*, *if you do not obey Me*, *but walk contrary to Me*, (**28**) *then I also will walk contrary to you in fury*; *and I*, *even I*, *will chastise you seven times for your sins*. (**Leviticus 26:3**, **12**, **23**-**24**, **27**-**28**)

*You shall walk in all the ways which the LORD your God has commanded you*, *that you may live and that it may be well with you*, *and that you may prolong your days in the land which you shall possess*. (**Deuteronomy 5:33**)

*But the Word is very near you*, *in your mouth and in your heart*, *that you may do it*. (**15**) *See*, *I have set before you today life and good*, *death and evil*, (**16**) *in that I command you today to love the LORD your God*, *to walk in His ways*, *and to keep His commandments*, *His statutes*, *and His judgments*, *that you may live and multiply*; *and the LORD your God will bless you in the land which you go to possess*. (**Deuteronomy 30:14-16**)

**A Walk with/in Christ**

*Then Jesus spoke to them again*, *saying*, “*I am the light of the world*. *He who follows* [walks with] *Me shall not walk in darkness*, *but have the light of life*.” (**John 8:12**)

*Jesus answered*, “*Are there not twelve hours in the day*? *If anyone walks in the day*, *he does not stumble*, *because he sees the light of this world*. (**10**) *But if one walks in the night*, *he stumbles*, *because the light is not in him*.” (**John 11:9**-**10**)

*Then Jesus said to them*, “*A little while longer the light is with you*. *Walk while you have the light*, *lest darkness overtake you*; *he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going*. (**36a**) *While you have the light*, *believe in the light*, *that you may become sons of light*. . . .” (**John 12:35**-**36a**)

Christ revealed Himself as being “One with the Father” (**John 1:1**, **10:30**; **17:11**, **21**-**22**), the second Person of the Holy Trinity (**1 John 5:7**). And to walk “with” or “before” the Father is to walk “with” or “before” Christ — His truths and teachings contained in the written Word, the expression of the Living Word.

As God in the flesh, Christ proclaimed He was *the Light* — the One who provides the *illumination* and the *path* for man to escape the darkness (evil) and to enable man to continue avoiding it, thereby pleasing God.

*Then Jesus spoke to them again*, *saying*, “*I am the light of the world*. *He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness*, *but have the light of life*. (**John 8:12**)

*I have come as a light into the world*, *that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness*. (**John 12:46**)

*For you were once darkness*, *but now you are light in the Lord*. *Walk as children of light*. (**Ephesians 5:8**)

(See also: **John 1:4**, **9**; **3:19**; **Acts 26:18**; **2 Corinthians 4:6**; **1 Thessalonians 5:5**; **1 Peter 2:9**; **1 John 2:8**).

Man only needs to begin the “walk” with/in Christ by means of a genuine act (decision) of faith; and then as a child of God, he needs to continue his journey with/in Christ in the same manner, by faith, as will be seen.

**Various Aspects of the Walk Described in the New Testament**

Several of the books of the New Testament specifically mention the “walk” that a Christian should take, defining it in various ways, as follows:

It is a walk *by* *faith*

. . . *For we say that faith was accounted to Abraham for righteousness*. (**10**) *How then was it accounted*? *While he was circumcised*, *or uncircumcised*? *Not while circumcised*, *but while uncircumcised*. (**11**) *And he received the sign of circumcision*, *a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while still uncircumcised*, *that he might be the father of all those who believe*, *though they are uncircumcised*, *that righteousness might be imputed to them also*, (**12**) *and the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision*, *but who also walk in the steps of the faith which our father Abraham had while still uncircumcised*. (**13**) *For the promise that he would be the heir of the world was not to Abraham or to his seed through the law*, *but through the righteousness of faith*. (**Romans 49b-13**)

*For we walk by faith*, *not by sight*. (**2 Corinthians 5:7**)

*As you have therefore received* [solely by faith] *Christ Jesus the Lord*, *so* [in the same manner, by faith] *walk in Him*, (**7**) *rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith*, *as you have been taught*, *abounding in it with thanksgiving*. (**Colossians 2:6**-**7**)

*But without faith it is impossible to please Him*, *for he who comes to God must believe that He is*, *and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him*. (**Hebrews 11:6**)

It is a walk *in newness of life*

*Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death*, *that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father*, *even so we also should walk in newness of life*. (**Romans 6:4**)

*For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything*, *but a new creation*. (**16**) *And as many as walk according to this rule*, *peace and mercy be upon them*, *and upon the Israel of God*. (**Galatians 6:15**-**16**)

It is a walk *in the Spirit*, *apart from the flesh* (the old nature)

*There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus*, *who do not walk according to the flesh*, *but according to the Spirit*. . . . (**4**) *that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit*. (**Romans 8:1**, **4**)

*I say then*: *walk in the Spirit*, *and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh*. . . . (**25**) *If we* *live in the Spirit*, *let us also walk in the Spirit*.

(**Galatians 5:16**, **25**)

It is walk *of*/*in love*

*And walk in love*, *as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us*, *an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma*. . . . (**8**) *For you were once darkness*, *but now you are light in the Lord*. *Walk as children of light* . . . (**15**) *See then that you walk circumspectly*, *not as fools but as wise*. (**Ephesians 5:2**, **8**, **15**)

*This is love*, *that we walk according to His commandments*. *This is the commandment*, *that as you have heard from the beginning*, *you should walk in it*. (**2 John 6**)

It is a walk *of*/*in* *good works*

*For we are His workmanship*, *created in Christ Jesus for good works*, *which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them*. (**Ephesians 2:10**)

It is a walk rooted *in knowledge*, *wisdom*, *and spiritual understanding* (i.e., *the Word*)

*For this reason we also*, *since the day we heard it*, *do not cease to pray for you*, *and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding*; (**10**) *that you may walk worthy of the Lord*, *fully pleasing Him*, *being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God*; (**11**) *strengthened with all might*, *according to His glorious power*, *for all patience and longsuffering with joy*; (**12**) *giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light*. (**Colossians 1:9-12**)

*Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside*, *redeeming the time*. (**Colossians 4:5**)

*I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth*. (**3 John 4**)

It is a walk *in unity with other Christians*

*Therefore let us*, *as many as are mature*, *have this mind*; *and if in anything you think otherwise*, *God will reveal even this to you*. (**16**) *Nevertheless*, *to the degree that we have already attained*, *let us walk by the same rule*, *let us be of the same mind*. (**17**) *Brethren*, *join in following my example*, *and note those who so walk*, *as you have us for a pattern*. (**18**) *For many walk*, *of whom I have told you often*, *and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ*: (**19**) *whose end is destruction*, *whose god is their belly*, *and whose glory is in their shame* — *who set their mind on earthly things*. (**Philippians 3:15-19**)

It is a walk *in the light and fellowship with Christ*

*If we say that we have fellowship with Him*, *and walk in darkness*, *we lie and do not practice the truth*. (**7**) *But if we walk in the light as He is in the* light, *we have fellowship with one another*, *and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin*. (**1 John 1:6**-**7**)

*He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked*. (**1 John 2:6**)

**Concluding Remarks**

It is indisputable that God never condones hypocrisy in His children. They are not only to “talk the talk” (say what is right) but they are to “walk the walk” (do what is right). The Christian life is not only grounded in holiness, but must be evidenced by holiness. Then again, every Christian

(1) retains a “sin nature” (“*old man*,” “*flesh*” [**Romans 7:18-23**; **Galatians 5:17**]) with its constant appeal and

(2) daily faces a formidable spiritual enemy, the devil, who “*walks about like a roaring lion*, *seeking whom he may devour*” (**1 Peter 5:8**).

And this being the case, it is challenging for a Christian to live a life in conformity with God’s will, often taking the path of ease, resigning from the arduous route of self-denial and training in the Word, to residing in a state of immaturity.

The apostle Paul had to face the problem of immaturity in the Corinthian local church. He found that the Christians there continued in their “*carnal*” state (as immature babies), who could only digest (understand) the “*milk*,” not the “*meat*” (solid food), of God’s Word (**1 Corinthians 3:1-3**). Sadly, this appears to be the case with a majority of Christians today, even those who fancy themselves as spiritual teachers.

It is as if they have completely lost their way, a condition that ensued soon after they believed in Christ. Although quick to join a local church, a spiritual diet void of in-depth Bible (doctrinal) study and maturation followed. Rather, it became customary to simply accept the shallow and redundant presentations from the pulpit and various “Sunday schools,” which could only regurgitate denominational precepts.

Although they have indeed experienced the “salvation of the spirit” (**Acts 16:30**-**31**; **Ephesians 2:8**-**9**), they know little of the “salvation of the soul” (**Hebrews 10:39**; **1 Peter 1:9**). Harboring dreams of someday occupying a nebulous “heaven,” they have no idea of the coming Millennial Kingdom and the fulfillment of the very purpose of their salvation, to rule and reign with Christ as His consort queen, His bride, during the Messianic Era (**2 Timothy 2:12**; **Revelation 20:4**). And more alarming, they have no idea of or concern for the impending judgment that they will face before Christ when He sits upon His throne (**2 Corinthians 5:10**) judging their miniscule works of “*wood*, *hay*, *straw*” where they “*will be saved*, *yet so as through fire*” (**1 Corinthians 3:11-15**).

On the other hand, should a Christian aspire to fulfill the purpose of his salvation, to go beyond spirit-salvation to the salvation of his soul and thereby present works of “*gold*, *silver*, *precious stones*” at the judgment seat of Christ with the end result of being included in the bride of Christ and ruling and reigning with Him during the Messianic Era, he will most certainly adopt the walk as it is outlined in the Word, i.e., one which is anchored in the Spirit of God, which demonstrates love toward God and man, which produces good works, and which truly mirrors Jesus Christ.

Finally, it is clearly seen in Scripture that for one to achieve this quality of life (walk), one must saturate himself in God’s Word, for it is only the Word that is able to convey (effect the change in) a Christian from immaturity to maturity. This is seen in the following two companion passages of Scripture:

*And do not be drunk* [controlled] *with wine*, *in which is dissipation*; *but be filled* [empowered] *with the Spirit*, [resulting in] (**19**) *speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs*, *singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord*, (**20**) *giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ*. (**Ephesians 5:18-20**)

*Let the Word of Christ dwell in* [empower] *you richly in all wisdom*, [resulting in] *teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs*, *singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord*. (**Colossians 3:16**)

(See [Holy Spirit – Ministries and Filling!](http://www.koffeekupkandor.com/gods-word.php#Holy Spirit – Ministries and Filling!))

The inference is that one is “filled” with the Spirit of God as he enriches himself in the Word of God. To be “filled [empowered by] the Spirit of God is not a secondary and spectacular secondary act after one is “saved,” as many in the Pentecostal movement may teach. Rather, it is a progressive, transforming, and dynamic process (see the following link: [Bible One - Charles Strong's Studying the Word of God](http://bibleone.net/Studying-the-Word-of-God.htm)), which a Christian is to experience if he is to “walk the walk,” not just “talk the talk.”

**Passages of Scripture for Further Study**

**Genesis 5:22**, **24**

*After he begot Methuselah*, *Enoch walked with God three hundred years*, *and had sons and daughters*. . . . (**24**) *And Enoch walked with God; and he was not*, *for God took him*.

**Genesis 6:9**

*This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man*, *perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God*.

**Genesis 17:1**

*When Abram was ninety-nine years old*, *the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him*, “*I am Almighty God*; *walk before Me and be blameless*.”

**Genesis 24:40**

*But he said to me*, “*The LORD*, *before whom I walk*, *will send His angel with you and prosper your way*; *and you shall take a wife for my son from my family and from my father*’*s* *house*.”

**Genesis 48:15a**

*And he blessed Joseph*, *and said*: “*God*, *before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked* . . .”

**Exodus 16:4**

*Then the LORD said to Moses*, “*Behold*, *I will rain bread from heaven for you*. *And the people shall go out and gather a certain quota every day*, *that I may test them*, *whether they will walk in My law or not*.”

**Exodus 18:20**

*And you shall teach them the statutes and the laws*, *and show them the way in which they must walk and the work they must do*.

**Leviticus 18:4**

*You shall observe My judgments and keep My ordinances*, *to walk in them*: *I am the LORD your God*.

**Leviticus 26:3**, **12**, **23**-**24**, **27**-**28**

*If you walk in My statutes and keep My commandments*, *and perform them* . . . (**12**) *I will walk among you and be your God*, *and you shall be My people*. . . . (**23**) *And if by these things you are not reformed by Me*, *but walk contrary to Me*, (**24**) *then I also will walk contrary to you*, *and I will punish you yet seven times for your sins*. . . . (**27**) *And after all this*, *if you do not obey Me*, *but walk contrary to Me*, (**28**) *then I also will walk contrary to you in fury*; *and I*, *even I*, *will chastise you seven times for your sins*.

**Deuteronomy 5:33**

*You shall walk in all the ways which the LORD your God has commanded you*, *that you may live and that it may be well with you*, *and that you may prolong your days in the land which you shall possess*.

**Deuteronomy 8:6**

*Therefore you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God*, *to walk in His ways and to fear Him*.

**Deuteronomy 10:12**-**13**

*And now*, *Israel*, *what does the LORD your God require of you*, *but to fear the LORD your God*, *to walk in all His ways and to love Him*, *to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul*, (**13**) *and to keep the commandments of the LORD and His statutes which I command you today for your good*.

**Deuteronomy 11:22**-**23**

*For if you carefully keep all these commandments which I command you to do — to love the* LORD *your God*, *to walk in all His ways*, *and to hold fast to Him —* (**23**) *then the LORD will drive out all these nations from before you*, *and you will dispossess greater and mightier nations than yourselves*.

**Deuteronomy 13:4**

*You shall walk after the LORD your God and fear Him*, *and keep His commandments and obey His voice*, *and you shall serve Him and hold fast to Him*.

**Deuteronomy 26:16-19**

*This day the LORD your God commands you to observe these statutes and judgments*; *therefore you shall be careful to observe them with all your heart and with all your soul*. (**17**) *Today you have proclaimed the LORD to be your God*, *and that you will walk in His ways and keep His statutes*, *His commandments*, *and His judgments*, *and that you will obey His voice*. (**18**) *Also today the LORD has proclaimed you to be His special people, just as He promised you*, *that you should keep all His commandments*, (**19**) *and that He will set you high above all nations which He has made*, *in praise*, *in name*, *and in honor, and that you may be a holy people to the LORD your God*, *just as He has spoken*.

**Deuteronomy 28:9**

*The LORD will establish you as a holy people to Himself, just as He has sworn to you*, *if you keep the commandments of the LORD your God and walk in His ways*.

**Deuteronomy 30:14-16**

*But the Word is very near you*, *in your mouth and in your heart*, *that you may do it*. (**15**) *See*, *I have set before you today life and good*, *death and evil*, (**16**) *in that I command you today to love the LORD your God*, *to walk in His ways*, *and to keep His commandments*, *His statutes*, *and His judgments*, *that you may live and multiply*; *and the LORD your God will bless you in the land which you go to possess*.

**Joshua 22:5**

*But take careful heed to do the commandment and the law which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you*, *to love the LORD your God*, *to walk in all His ways*, *to keep His commandments*, *to hold fast to Him*, *and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul*.

**1 Samuel 2:30**, **35**

*Therefore the LORD God of Israel says*: “*I said indeed that your house and the house of your father would walk before Me forever*.” *But now the LORD says*: “*Far be it from Me*; *for those who honor Me I will honor*, *and those who despise Me shall be lightly esteemed*. . . . (**35**) *Then I will raise up for Myself a faithful priest who shall do according to what is in My heart and in My mind*. *I will build him a sure house*, *and he shall walk before My anointed forever*.”

**1 Kings 2:1-4**

*Now the days of David drew near that he should die*, *and he charged Solomon his son*, *saying*: (**2**) “*I go the way of all the earth*; *be strong*, *therefore, and prove yourself a man*. (**3**) *And keep the charge of the LORD your God*: *to walk in His ways*, *to keep His statutes*, *His commandments*, *His judgments*, *and His testimoni*es, *as it is written in the Law of Moses*, *that you may prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn*; (**4**) *that the LORD may fulfill His word which He spoke concerning me*, *saying*, ‘*If your sons take heed to their way, to walk before Me in truth with all their heart and with all their sou*l,’ *He said*, ‘*you shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel*.’”

**1 Kings 3:6**, **14**

*And Solomon said*: “*You have shown great mercy to Your servant David my father*, *because he walked before You in truth*, *in righteousness*, *and in uprightness of heart with You*; *You have continued this great kindness for him*, *and You have given him a son to sit on his throne*, *as it is this day*.” . . . (**14**) *So if you walk in My ways*, *to keep My statutes and My commandments*, *as your father David walked*, *then I will lengthen your days*.

**1 Kings 6:11-13**

*Then the word of the LORD came to Solomon*, *saying*: (**12**) “*Concerning this temple which you are building*, *if you walk in My statutes*, *execute My judgments*, *keep all My commandments, and walk in them*, *then I will perform My word with you*, *which I spoke to your father David*. (**13**) *And I will dwell among the children of Israel*, *and will not forsake My people Israel*.”

**1 Kings 8:57**-**58**, **61**

*May the LORD our God be with us*, *as He was with our fathers*. *May He not leave us nor forsake us*, (**58**) *that He may incline our hearts to Himself*, *to walk in all His ways*, *and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments*, *which He commanded our fathers*. . . . (**61**) *Let your heart therefore be loyal to the LORD our God*, *to walk in His statutes and keep His commandments*, *as at this day*.

**1 Kings 9:4**-**5**

*Now if you walk before Me as your father David walked*, *in integrity of heart and in uprightness*, *to do according to all that I have commanded you*, *and if you keep My statutes and My judgments*, (**5**) *then I will establish the throne of your kingdom over Israel forever*, *as I promised David your father*, *saying*, “*You shall not fail to have a man on the throne of Israel*.”

**1 Kings 11:38**

*Then it shall be*, *if you heed all that I command you*, *walk in My ways*, *and do what is right in My sight*, *to keep My statutes and My commandments*, *as My servant David did*, *then I will be with you and build for you an enduring house*, *as I built for David*, *and will give Israel to you*.

**2 Kings 23:3**

*Then the king stood by a pillar and made a covenant before the LORD*, *to follow* [to walk after] *the LORD and to keep His commandments and His testimonies and His statutes*, *with all his heart and all his soul*, *to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book*. *And all the people took a stand for the covenant*.

**2 Chronicles 6:12**, **14**, **16**

*Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel*, *and spread out his hands* . . . (**14**) *and he said*: “*LORD God of Israel*, *there is no God in heaven or on earth like You*, *who keep Your covenant and mercy with Your servants who walk before You with all their hearts*. . . . (**16**) *Therefore*, *LORD God of Israel*, *now keep what You promised Your servant David my father*, *saying*, ‘*You shall not fail to have a man sit before Me on the throne of Israel*, *only if your sons take heed to their way*, *that they walk in My law as you have walked before Me*.’”

**2 Chronicles 7:17**-**18**

*As for you*, *if you walk before Me as your father David walked*, *and do according to all that I have commanded you*, *and if you keep My statutes and My judgments*, (**18**) *then I will establish the throne of your kingdom*, *as I covenanted with David your father, saying*, “*You shall not fail to have a man as ruler in Israel*.”

**2 Chronicles 17:3**-**4**

*Now the LORD was with Jehoshaphat*, *because he walked in the former ways of his father David*; *he did not seek the Baals*, (**4**) *but sought the God of his father*, *and walked in His commandments and not according to the acts of Israel*.

**2 Chronicles 34:31**

*Then the king stood in his place and made a covenant before the LORD*, *to follow* [walk after] *the LORD*, *and to keep His commandments and His testimonies and His statutes with all his heart and all his soul*, *to perform the words of the covenant that were written in this book*.

**Nehemiah 5:9**

*Then I said*, “*What you are doing is not good*. *Should you not walk in the fear of our God because of the reproach of the nations*, *our enemies*?”

**Nehemiah 10:28**-**29**

*Now the rest of the people-the priests*, *the Levites*, *the gatekeepers*, *the singers*, *the Nethinim*, and *all those who had separated themselves from the peoples of the lands to the Law of God*, *their wives*, *their sons*, *and their daughters*, *everyone who had knowledge and understanding* — (**29**) *these joined with their brethren*, *their nobles*, *and entered into a curse and an oath to walk in God*’*s* *Law*, *which was given by Moses the servant of God*, *and to observe and do all the commandments of the LORD our Lord*, *and His ordinances and His statutes*.

**Psalm 26:3**

*For Your lovingkindness is before my eyes*, *and I have walked in Your truth*.

**Psalm 56:11**, **13**

*In God I have put my trust*; *I will not be afraid*. *What can man do to me*? . . . (**13**) *For You have delivered my soul from death*. *Have You not kept my feet from falling*, *that I may walk before God in the light of the living*?

**Psalm 81:13**

*Oh*, *that My people would listen to Me*, *that Israel would walk in My ways*!

**Psalm 116:9**

*I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living*.

**Psalm 119:1-3**

*ALEPH*. *Blessed are the undefiled in the way*, *who walk in the law of the LORD*! (**2**) *Blessed are those who keep His testimonies*, *who seek Him with the whole heart*! (**3**) *They also do no iniquity*; *they walk in His ways*.

**Proverbs 2:7**, **20**

*He stores up sound wisdom for the upright*; *He is a shield to those who walk uprightly* . . . (**20**) *So you may walk in the way of goodness*, *and keep to the paths of righteousness*.

**Isaiah 38:2**-**3**

*Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall*, *and prayed to the LORD*, (**3**) *and said*, “*Remember now*, *O LORD*, *I pray*, *how I have walked before You in truth and with a loyal heart*, *and have done what is good in Your sight*.” *And Hezekiah wept bitterly*.

**Jeremiah 7:23**

*But this is what I commanded them*, *saying*, “*Obey My voice*, *and I will be your God*, *and you shall be My people*. *And walk in all the ways that I have commanded you*, *that it may be well with you*.”

**Ezekiel 20:19**

 *I am the LORD your God*: *Walk in My statutes*, *keep My judgments*, *and do them*.

**Ezekiel 33:14**-**15**

*Again*, *when I say to the wicked*, “*You shall surely die*,” *if he turns from his sin and does what is lawful and right*, (**15**) *if the wicked restores the pledge*, *gives back what he has stolen*, *and walks in the statutes of life without committing iniquity*, *he shall surely live*; *he shall not die*.

**Ezekiel 37:24**

*David My servant shall be king over them*, *and they shall all have one shepherd*; *they shall also walk in My judgments and observe My statutes*, *and do them*.

**Daniel 9:10**

*We have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God*, *to walk in His laws*, *which He set before us by His servants the prophets*.

**Amos 3:3**

*We have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God*, *to walk in His laws*, *which He set before us by His servants the prophets*.

**Micah 4:1-5**

*Now it shall come to pass in the latter days* *that the mountain of the LORD*’*S* *house shall be established on the top of the mountains*, *and shall be exalted above the hills*; *and peoples shall flow to it*. (**2**) *Many nations shall come and say*, “*Come*, *and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob*; *He will teach us His ways*, *and we shall walk in His paths*.” *For out of Zion the law shall go forth, and the Word of the LORD from Jerusalem*. (**3**) *He shall judge between many peoples*, *and rebuke strong nations afar off*; *they shall beat their swords into plowshares*, *and their spears into pruning hooks*; *nation shall not lift up sword against nation*, *neither shall they learn war any more*. (**4**) *But everyone shall sit under his vine and under his fig tree*, *and no one shall make them afraid*; *for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken*. (**5**) *For all people walk each in the name of his god*, *but we will walk in the name of the LORD our God Forever and ever*.

**Micah 6:8**

*He has shown you*, *O man*, *what is good*; *and what does the LORD require of you but to do justly*, *to love mercy*, *and to walk humbly with your God*.

**John 8:12**

*Then Jesus spoke to them again*, *saying*, “*I am the light of the world*. *He who follows* [walks with] *Me shall not walk in darkness*, *but have the light of life*.”

**John 11:9**-**10**

*Jesus answered*, “*Are there not twelve hours in the day*? *If anyone walks in the day*, *he does not stumble*, *because he sees the light of this world*. (**10**) *But if one walks in the night*, *he stumbles*, *because the light is not in him*.”

**John 12:35**-**36a**

*Then Jesus said to them*, “*A little while longer the light is with you*. *Walk while you have the light*, *lest darkness overtake you*; *he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going*. (**36a**) *While you have the light*, *believe in the light*, *that you may become sons of light*. . . .”

**Romans 4:9b-13**

. . . *For we say that faith was accounted to Abraham for righteousness*. (**10**) *How then was it accounted*? *While he was circumcised*, *or uncircumcised*? *Not while circumcised*, *but while uncircumcised*. (**11**) *And he received the sign of circumcision*, *a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while still uncircumcised*, *that he might be the father of all those who believe*, *though they are uncircumcised*, *that righteousness might be imputed to them also*, (**12**) *and the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision*, *but who also walk in the steps of the faith which our father Abraham had while still uncircumcised*. (**13**) *For the promise that he would be the heir of the world was not to Abraham or to his seed through the law*, *but through the righteousness of faith*.

**Romans 6:4**

*Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death*, *that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father*, *even so we also should walk in newness of life*.

**Romans 8:1**, **4**

*There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus*, *who do not walk according to the flesh*, *but according to the Spirit*. . . . (**4**) *that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit*.

**Romans 13:13**

*Let us walk properly*, *as in the day*, *not in revelry and drunkenness*, *not in lewdness and lust*, *not in strife and envy*.

**1 Corinthians 3:3**

*For you are still carnal*. *For where there are envy*, *strife*, *and divisions among you*, *are you not carnal and behaving like* [walk as] *mere men*?

**1 Corinthians 7:17a**

*But as God has distributed to each one*, *as the Lord has called each one*, *so let him walk*. . . .

**2 Corinthians 5:7**

*For we walk by faith*, *not by sight*.

**2 Corinthians 6:16**

*And what agreement has the temple of God with idols*? *For you are the temple of the living God*. *As God has said*: “*I will dwell in them and walk among them*. *I will be their God*, *and they shall be My people*.”

**2 Corinthians 10:3**

*For though we walk in the flesh*, *we do not war according to the flesh*.

**Galatians 5:16**, **25**

*I say then*: *walk in the Spirit*, *and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh*. . . . (**25**) *If we live in the Spirit*, *let us also walk in the Spirit*.

**Galatians 6:15**-**16**

*For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything*, *but a new creation*. (**16**) *And as many as walk according to this rule*, *peace and mercy be upon them*, *and upon the Israel of God*.

**Ephesians 2:1**-**2a**, **10**

*And you He made alive*, *who were dead in trespasses and sins*, (**2a**) *in which you once walked according to the course of this world* . . . . (**10**) *For we are His workmanship*, *created in Christ Jesus for good works*, *which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them*.

**Ephesians 4:1**, **17**

*I*, *therefore*, *the prisoner of the Lord*, *beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called* . . . (**17**) *This I say*, *therefore*, *and testify in the Lord*, *that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind*.

**Ephesians 5:2**, **8**, **15**

*And walk in love*, *as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us*, *an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma*. . . . (**8**) *For you were once darkness*, *but now you are light in the Lord*. *Walk as children of light* . . . (**15**) *See then that you walk circumspectly*, *not as fools but as wise*.

**Philippians 3:15-19**

*Therefore let us*, *as many as are mature*, *have this mind*; *and if in anything you think otherwise*, *God will reveal even this to you*. (**16**) *Nevertheless*, *to the degree that we have already attained*, *let us walk by the same rule*, *let us be of the same mind*. (**17**) *Brethren*, *join in following my example*, *and note those who so walk*, *as you have us for a pattern*. (**18**) *For many walk*, *of whom I have told you often*, *and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ*: (**19**) *whose end is destruction*, *whose god is their belly*, *and whose glory is in their shame* — *who set their mind on earthly things*.

**Colossians 1:9-12**

*For this reason we also*, *since the day we heard it*, *do not cease to pray for you*, *and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding*; (**10**) *that you may walk worthy of the Lord*, *fully pleasing Him*, *being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God*; (**11**) *strengthened with all might*, *according to His glorious power*, *for all patience and longsuffering with joy*; (**12**) *giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light*.

**Colossians 2:6**-**7**

*As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord*, *so walk in Him*, (**7**) *rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith*, *as you have been taught*, *abounding in it with thanksgiving*.

**Colossians 3:6**-**7**

*Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience*, (**7**) *in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them*.

**Colossians 4:5**

*Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside*, *redeeming the time*.

**1 Thessalonians 2:12b**

. . . *walk worthy of God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory*.

**1 Thessalonians 4:1**, **12**

*Finally then*, *brethren*, *we urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more*, *just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God* . . . (**12**) *that you may walk properly toward those who are outside*, *and that you may lack nothing*.

**1 Peter 4:3**

*For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles* — *when we walked in lewdness*, *lusts*, *drunkenness*, *revelries*, *drinking parties*, *and abominable idolatries*.

**2 Peter 2:9**-**10a**

*Then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment*, (**10a**) *and especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority*. . . .

**1 John 1:6**-**7**

*If we say that we have fellowship with Him*, *and walk in darkness*, *we lie and do not practice the truth*. (**7**) *But if we walk in the light as He is in the* light, *we have fellowship with one another*, *and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin*.

**1 John 2:6**

*He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked*.

**2 John 6**

*This is love*, *that we walk according to His commandments*. *This is the commandment*, *that as you have heard from the beginning*, *you should walk in it*.

**3 John 4**

*I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth*.

**Jude 17**-**18**

*But you*, *beloved*, *remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ*: (**18**) *how they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts*.

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