



Walk Wisely

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INTRODUCTION

- Paul uses some imagery in the book of Ephesians that has to do with our walk. This is about daily life.
- When people look at me and they see the way I'm living, do they see a life governed by the things of God?
- Sometimes the best way to figure out that our mind isn't right is to analyze our actions first. How am I actually walking in life?

1 Walk in a Manner Worthy of Your Calling

Ephesians 4:1–3; Ephesians 4:11–16; Ephesians 4:17–19

- If that's what you believe and you want to follow him, you need to walk in a manner worthy of your calling.
- This is a response to the amazing love of Jesus Christ and the love of our Father.
- Worthiness carries the concept of value, for sure, but also worthiness is about identity.
- If someone looks at my life and they don't see somebody who's very humble or gentle or patient or kind, there's a discrepancy there.
- Walking worthy also is about seeking growth.
- He is more so talking about the idea of maturity, of growing up into him who is the head, Christ Jesus.

2 Be Imitators of God and Walk in Love

Ephesians 5:1–2; Ephesians 5:3–5

- Don't just respond to Him, but now you should be working to be like Him in the things that you do.
- And so we walk in love, not just because it's the right thing to do, but because walking in love makes us like God.
- Walking in love, as is pointed out here in the text, through the model of Jesus Christ is sacrificial. It is about seeking the good of others.
- But it's also a choice. It's a choice to do what is good and what is best for the people around us.
- And a kingdom first mentality cannot support inherently selfish actions.

3 Walk as Children of Light

Ephesians 5:8–11; Matthew 5:14

- For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.
- For the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true.

- When you see good fruit, and when you see true fruit and right fruit, walk there. Follow that path.
- Rather than finding problems or talking in a corrupt way, they're finding ways to build up and encourage.
- When we are light, it's not just that we walk in the light, it's that we also expose these other behaviors.
- Light should expose darkness. If it's not, it's not a very good light.

4 Look Carefully How You Walk: Walk Wisely

Ephesians 5:15–21; Ephesians 5:10; Galatians 6:1

- Think carefully about the way you're living and the way you're walking. Wisdom is circumspect.
- It's deliberate in examining life, examining personal life first.
- And when an opportunity is there or a door is open, walk through it. That's the idea of making the best use of the time.
- And then be filled with the Spirit rather than controlled by the Spirit of the world.
- This is about reordering our life after the things of God and not the things of the world.
- Verse 10. Try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Verse 17. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

THE CHALLENGE

Am I working to reorder my life to shape it after the kingdom? The righteousness of God? Or is this just a part I play from time to time?

MY NOTES
