

## **Walking In A Manner Worthy Of The Lord**

Colossians 1:9-14 (ESV)

9 And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,

10 so as to WALK IN A MANNER WORTHY OF THE LORD, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

11 being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy;

12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

13 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,

14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Philippians 1:27 (ESV) - Only let your manner of life be WORTHY OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel,

2 Thessalonians 1:11 (ESV) - To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you WORTHY OF HIS CALLING and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power,

Ephesians 4:1 (ESV) - I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to WALK IN A MANNER WORTHY OF THE CALLING to which you have been called,

2 Cor. 13:5 (ESV) - EXAMINE YOURSELVES, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test!

### **I. We will be bearing fruit in every good work!**

Matt. 7:15-17 (ESV)

15 "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves.

16 You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?

17 So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit.

How can we tell if someone is professing to be a believer, but isn't a believer?

If there is not a change in their living, then we can conclude there is no repentance therefore, no regeneration.

Galatians 5:16-26 (NLT)

16 So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves.

17 The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions.

18 But when you are directed by the Spirit, you are not under obligation to the law of Moses.

19 When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures,

20 idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division,

21 envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

22 But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there.

25 Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.

26 Let us not become conceited, or provoke one another, or be jealous of one another.

The person who is living to please God will begin to see a change in their values and we will see a change in their behavior!

## **II. We will be growing in the knowledge of God!**

*First... Growing in the knowledge of God is not the same as seeking to learn how to get more from God!*

*Second... Growing in the knowledge of God is not the same as growing in knowledge about God.*

1 Cor. 8:1b (ESV) - ...knowledge puffs up while love builds up.

## **III. We will be strengthened with all power according to his glorious might!**

It not just how you start that's important...

It's also how you finish!

Luke 9:1 (ESV) - And he called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases,

Luke 10:19 (ESV) - Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you.

Luke 24:49 (ESV) - "And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

Acts 1:8 (ESV) - "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Acts 4:33 (ESV) - And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

1 Cor. 2:4 (ESV) - and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,

1 Cor. 4:20 (ESV) - For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power.

#### **IV. We will be joyfully giving thanks to the Father!**

Colossians 1:12-14 (ESV)

12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

13 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,

14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

DON'T STOP!

Heb. 13:20-21 (ESV)

20 Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,

21 equip you with EVERYTHING GOOD THAT YOU MAY DO HIS WILL, WORKING IN US that which is PLEASING IN HIS SIGHT, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.