

HOW SHOULD THE BELIEVER LIVE?

OUR WALK

- **Ephesians 5:15-16** See then that ye **walk circumspectly** (*carefully*), not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.
 - **Redeem:** *exagorazw exagorazo* - to rescue from loss (improve opportunity)
 - Time is short. We don't have time to waste.
 - When we waste time, we are subject to fall into the evil around us
 - We need a plan. Without a goal, we have no direction, no roadmap, no finish line
- **Colossians 4:5** **Walk in wisdom** toward them that are without, redeeming the time.
- **2 Corinthians 5:7** For we walk by faith, not by sight
 - **Hebrews 11:1** Now faith is the substance of **things hoped for**, the evidence of **things not seen**.
- **Galatians 5:16** This I say then, **Walk in the Spirit**, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.
 - *"Just as soon as Christ ceases to command our affections, the flesh in some form gets a footing. There is no middle ground between walking in the Spirit and walking after the flesh"* - CAC

OUR TALK

- **Psalms 19:14** Let the **words of my mouth**, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.
- **Isaiah 50:4** The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to **speak a word in season** to him that is weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned.
- **Colossians 4:6** Let your **speech** be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.
- **Luke 6:45** A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: **for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh**.
 - We love to talk about what we love
 - What do you talk about?
 - Does it feel unnatural to talk about the Lord?

ONE HEART, ONE EYE

- **Colossians 3:22** Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in **singleness** (*simplicity*) **of heart**, fearing God:
 - No divided loyalties – cp. **Matt. 6:21-24**
- **Matthew 6:22** The light of the body is the eye: if therefore **thine eye be single**, thy whole body shall be full of light.
- **Proverbs 4:20-21** My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. **Let them not depart from thine eyes**; keep them in the midst of thine heart.
- **Proverbs 4:25-27** **Let thine eyes look right on**, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee. Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.

FEED ON CHRIST

- **John 5:39** Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.
 - The OT, here referenced, testifies of Christ. Read the entire Bible.
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- **Acts 17:11** These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and **sought the scriptures daily**, whether those things were so.
 - How often should we study God's word?
 - How much is too much?
- **Job 23:12** Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth **more than my necessary food**.
 - If you go without food for one day, the next day you are terribly hungry
 - If you go without spiritual food for one day, the next day the hunger is not as strong.

SERVICE

- **Psalms 100:2** Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.
- **Galatians 6:10** As we have therefore opportunity, let us **do good** unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.
 - **Acts 10:38** How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who **went about doing good**, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.
- **Ephesians 6:6** Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, **doing the will of God from the heart**;
- **James 4:17** Therefore to him that knoweth to **do good**, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

PRAYER

- **Romans 12:12** Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant (persevering) in prayer;
- **1 Thessalonians 5:17** Pray without ceasing.
- **1 John 5:14-15** And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, **he heareth us**: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.
- **James 5:16** Confess your faults one to another, and **pray one for another**, that ye may be healed. **The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.**

WORSHIP

- **Psalms 95:6** O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.
- **Psalms 96:9** O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.
- **Luke 10:42** But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

Meditate – Ps. 119:15

Bow to the Scriptures – 1 Tim. 4:15

Wait on the Lord – Ps. 27:14; Isa. 40:31

Encourage yourself – 1 Sam. 30:6

Love His appearing – 2 Tim. 4:8

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