

THE CHRISTIAN'S WALK

A. General Principles

1. Our walk is to be with God and before the Lord (Gen. 5:22,24; 6:9; 17:1; 24:40; 48:15; Psa. 116:9; Rom. 8:4).
2. Our walk is to be in God's Word (Exod. 16:4; 18:20; Lev. 18:4, 26:3; Psa. 119:1).
3. We are to follow the pattern set by the Lord Jesus Christ (1 John 2:6).
4. We get into trouble when we walk away from God (Gen. 3:8; Lev. 26:21-28; Deut. 8:19; Psa. 82:5; Jer. 44:23).
5. We are blessed when we walk with God (Lev. 26:3,4; Deut. 5:33; 1 Ki. 2:3; 3:14; Psa. 84:11; 128:1; Prov. 2:7; Isa. 40:31; Jer. 7:23; Matt. 14:29; Gal. 6:16).
6. We are blessed when we walk with other believers (Prov. 13:20; 2 Cor. 12:18; Phil. 3:16).

B. Characteristics of Walking Away from God

1. Taking bribes, perverting judgment (1 Sam. 8:3; Isa. 33:15; Jer. 7:9).
2. Covetous, heaping up riches, being a loan shark (Psa. 39:6; Ezek. 18:17; Col. 3:5).
3. Behaving seductively, lustfully (2 Sam. 11:2; 2 Chron. 21:13; Isa. 3:16; 1 Pet. 4:3; Col. 3:5).
4. Craving the attention of others, desiring to be numero uno (Luke 20:46).
5. Following the pattern and counsel of evil people (2 Ki. 8:18; Job 34:8; Psa. 1:1).
6. Causing others to stumble (Jer. 18:15; Rom. 14:15).
7. Practicing various forms of idolatry (2 Ki. 16:3; 21:21; 2 Chron. 28:2; Jer. 7:9).
8. Speaking ugly, angry, or perverted words, having envy, causing strife and divisions (Prov. 6:12; 1 Cor. 3:3; Col. 3:8).
9. Speaking evil of dignitaries (2 Pet. 2:10).

10. Murmuring, complaining (Jude 16).
11. Being a scoffer, mocker (2 Pet. 3:3, Jude 18).
12. Being a busybody (2 Thess. 3:6).
13. Stealing, murdering, committing adultery (Isa. 42:24; Jer. 7:9; Rom. 13:13; Col. 3:5).
14. Hating one's brother (1 John 2:11).
15. Rioting, being drunk (Rom. 13:13; 2 Thess. 3:6; 1 Pet. 4:3).
16. Not working (2 Thess. 3:6).
17. Following the impulses of one's heart, emotions, feelings (Psa. 37:4; Eccl. 11:9; Jer. 9:14; 11:8).
18. Being crafty, handling the Scriptures deceitfully (2 Cor. 4:2).
19. Being enemies of the cross of Christ (Phil. 3:18).

C. Characteristics of Walking with God

1. Having integrity, honesty (Psa. 26:1; 1 Thess. 4:12).
2. Not trusting one's own heart (Prov. 28:26).
3. Boasting in the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ (Gal. 6:14-16).
4. Practicing good works (**Eph. 2:10**).
5. Doing what is worthy of and pleasing to God (**Eph. 4:1**; Col. 1:10; 1 Thess. 2:12; 4:1).
6. Manifesting love to God and others (**Eph. 5:2**).
7. Manifesting the light of God to others (**Eph. 5:8**).
8. Being circumspect (being careful, considering the consequences of our decisions) in all our ways (**Eph. 5:15**).
9. Exhibiting wisdom (1 Thess. 4:5).

10. Following the pattern set by the apostle Paul (Phil. 3:17).

11. Producing spiritual fruit (Col. 1:10).

D. Blessings of Walking with Other Believers

1. Becoming wise through walking with wise men (Prov. 13:20).
2. Being used of the Lord because conducting oneself in the spirit and steps of another servant of the Lord (2 Cor. 12:18; Phil. 3:16).
3. Helping the body of Christ achieve a wholeness by each one fulfilling his/her God-given role and responsibility in the body (1 Cor. 12:20-25).
4. Having the privilege of suffering with others who are suffering and being honored with others who are being honored (1 Cor. 12:25,26).
5. Being helped financially by believers who are more wealthy (Acts 2:45; 11:29,30; 2 Cor. 8:1-15).

E. Kinds of Feet

1. Feet that are in danger of slipping (Job 12:5; Jer. 13:16).
2. Feet that are in danger of falling into a snare (Job 18:8; 30:12; Psa. 9:15; 25:15; 57:6; 140:4; Prov. 7:23; 29:5; Jer. 18:22; Lam. 1:13).
3. Feet that are used for evil (Prov. 1:16; 5:5; 6:18; Isa. 59:7; Mark 9:45; Rom. 3:15).
4. Feet that are guided and protected and that follow the Lord (Job 23:11; Psa. 18:33; 37:31; 66:9; 73:2; 119:101,105; Luke 1:79; Heb. 12:13).
5. Beautiful feet that carry the gospel (Isa. 52:7; Nah. 1:15; Rom. 10:15; **Eph. 6:15**).