

WALKING IN THE SPIRIT

TAKING STEPS ON PURPOSE

“Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.”

~ Galatians 5:16

1. Walking vs. Wandering

- a. This is a great series for your spiritual growth.
- b. *Walking* is where the rubber meets the road, literally. Keep your feet on the ground.
- c. The difference between walking and wandering is purpose - Eph 5:15
- d. Not knowing where you're going means your walk is led by whimsy, flesh, circumstance
- e. If you don't know how to walk in the Spirit, then you're probably wandering.
- f. Walking in the Spirit is how you live with Christ in you by faith, thus, Christians

2. Walking with Purpose

- a. When we walk it is with a purpose to get from here to there
- b. Purpose is what sound doctrine brings to the table - Eph 1:11, 3:11; 2Ti 1:9; Rom 8:28
- c. We can/should all agree on God's purpose: but it's dispensational, doctrine matters
- d. They that are after the Spirit mind the things of the Spirit - Romans 8:5-9
- e. Walking in the Spirit is living with the mind of Christ - 1 Cor 2:16
- f. Our spiritual warfare is a battle in minds and thoughts - 2 Cor 10:4-5

3. Check Your Walk

- a. How do you tell if someone is walking in the Spirit? Not by their works
- b. Every good work can be done by a flesh driven hedonist or self-righteous religionist
- c. Gal 5:16 sounds easy, but it requires a choice of letting doctrine work in you
- d. Gal 5:19-23 - There are works of the flesh vs. fruit of the Spirit (spiritual things)
- e. Walk in the Spirit is not a list of do's and don'ts, but a changed mind - Rom 12:1-2
- f. Who am I? What is the truth? Why am I here? What is important? Where am I going?

4. Your Walk This Week

- a. Your walk in the Spirit is not meditating on your belly button and chanting "Ohmmm"
- b. It concerns your relationships, job, politics, health, suffering, fears.
- c. What drives our actions, reactions, steps in all these things?
- d. Relationships: Rom 5:8; God has called us to peace; Eph 5:21 - 1 Tim 2:4
 - i. We are to be separated unto the Lord - 1 Thess 4:3-4
 - ii. We are united together with those in the Lord - Eph 4:15-16
- e. Job: You are a servant of the Lord first - 1 Tim 5:8; Titus 2:10; 1 Cor 7:22; Eph 4:1
 - i. The way we serve reflects on the doctrine - 1 Tim 6:1
- f. Politics - we are ambassadors for Christ - 2 Cor 5:20, 1 Tim 2:2, Eph 6:15-19
- g. Health, sickness - We know... Rom 5:2-3; We rejoice...2 Cor 12:9-10; 1 Tim 5:23
- h. Condemnation: There is none any more if...Rom 8:1-4; we are at peace Rom 5:1
- i. Pleasure/R&R - Phil 4:4, 4:11; 1 Tim 6:17; Remembering ...2 Tim 2:4-5
- j. Remember - 1 Thess 5:17 - prayer aligns your mind with the purpose of God.