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How to Walk in a Manner Worthy of the Call of God

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Here are twelve ideas:

- 1. A worthy walk will always be in a direction which conforms us to the image of Christ (Romans 8:29).** For example, a worthy walk will never include sex outside of marriage, divorce, cheating on your taxes, being a woman elder or homosexuality.
- 2. A worthy walk will always be in the direction of building the kingdom of God (Matthew 6:33).** For example, a worthy walk will not build something which is based upon pride.
- 3. A worthy walk is framed by our physical situation (1 Samuel 2:6-8).** That includes things like our race, parental background, physical size, strength, age, culture, and wealth. For example, my worthy walk will not include being an Olympic athlete. Walking worthy for me requires physical exercise but not athletic competition.
- 4. A worthy walk is blooming where we are planted (1 Corinthians 8:20, 24).** Not that we will always stay where we currently live, but our walk begins in our own Jerusalem, then extends to our Judea, Samaria, and remotest part of our world (Acts 1:8).
- 5. A worthy walk is tuned to our personality (Daniel 1:3-4).** That means our intellect, emotions, and will. My worthy walk will not be as a salesman, a surgeon, or an actor. Your worthy walk might be those occupations, but they don't fit my personality. Personalities can be developed, but they also have real limits. We are defined, in part, by our limitations.
- 6. A worthy walk considers our talents (Exodus 36:1-2).** We are also defined by our assets. We all have certain natural abilities we were born with. Those are usually determined by (a) what comes easiest to us and (b) what motivates us. For example, I am a teacher, not a musician.
- 7. A worthy walk considers our spiritual gifts (Romans 12:6-8).** All believers also have spiritual abilities we receive at our spiritual rebirth. These are not always obvious to a new believer and cannot be located with some personality test. These become evident as we walk worthy of our call to salvation (Ephesians 4:1; Romans 12:1-2).
- 8. A worthy walk includes our Godly desires (1 Corinthians 9:23).** Don't overlook the crucial question, "What do you **want** to do?" Even the apostles were men who did what they wanted to do (John 21:15-17; Acts 15:35-37; 16:3).
- 9. A worthy walk is outlined by our opportunities (Genesis 41:39-44; 50:20).** God gave each of us certain life situations, not available to others. For example, I was invited to teach the Bible in Eastern Europe and Russia beginning in 1983. I could have never created those opportunities.
- 10. A worthy walk is expanded by our convictions (Nehemiah 1:4-11).** This develops our walk beyond "blooming where we are planted." This takes us from our personal Jerusalem to the remotest parts of our earth. As we observe the state of the church around us, we feel convicted to address certain issues. For example, in 1981, I was convicted of the need to disciple men.
- 11. A worthy walk is sensitive to what is going on in our own generation (Acts 13:36).** Each generation is to focus on reaching its own. We can learn from the past. When we die, we hand off the baton to the next generation. But neither of those are our assignment. We are called to be used of Christ as He builds His church now.
- 12. A worthy walk looks for opportunities to serve God (Isaiah 6:8; 1 Thessalonians 1:6-8; 3 John 5-6).** We should not be waiting around for God to call us into service. We should look for ways to serve God in our present roles and life situations.