To walk with God means to glorify him every way you can. In our thoughts, actions, our speech.

Are you using curse words? Do you still get angry? Are you a believer who is nonchalant? Are you a believer who doesn't care about fellow believers? Are you walking with God?

4. Walking with God means our company will change.

Walking with God means we walk with those he is working with. Not evil people and evil companions. Walking with God means our friends would change.

2 Corinthians 6:14-16

Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? 15 What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? Or what does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? 16 What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people."

5. To walk with God, you will leave sinful habits of the flesh behind.

We do not seek to please our sinful habits.

Romans 13:13-14

Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. 14 Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh

We do not seek to please our sinful flesh, we seek to eliminate those from our lives because it hinders our walk with God.

Hebrews 12:2

fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

1 Corinthians 10:31

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. Are you submitting your thoughts and will to God? Is God's word reflected in your thoughts? Is God's way, God's life reflected in your actions? Is God's way your motivation? Are you following his choices? Are you spending time with God or your phone? You cannot say you are walking with God and not put a caution to things that distract you. Anything that you are doing and you cannot restrain yourself is a terrible thing.

Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

When you spend time with God, you exhibit the fruit of the spirit. You will be a joyful person, not easily embittered. You will be meek, and exhibit self-control because you are walking with God.

It is possible to walk with God despite our imperfections based on what God has done. The height of walking with God is that a man's life is a compendium of revelation. This means that one's life is practically being lived in the knowledge of what they are learning.

Thescriptures are understood in his words, in his teaching, life, and approaches. There is a quote that says the keys to walking with God and seeing fruitfulness are "to be quick to believe God's word, quick to repent, and quick to forgive."

Are you quick to repent?

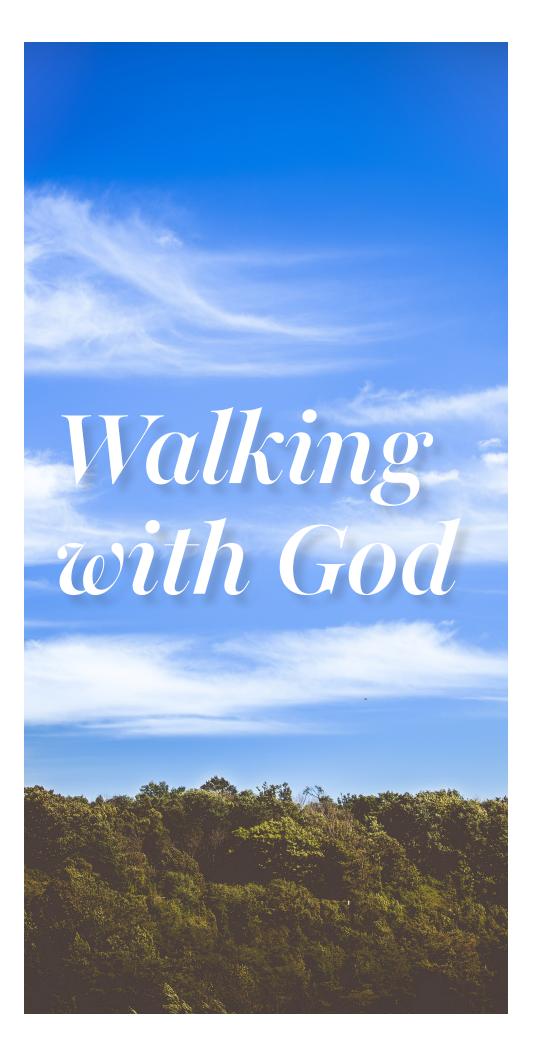
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od's work on earth is seen through the activities of men who believe in Him and His plan for the whole earth. God's work is seen through the lives of men who walk with him.

What does it mean to walk with God?

Genesis 13:17

17 Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee.

God's instruction to Abraham in this text was to "walk." It says he should just walk through this land. The word "walk," can be explained to mean to go out and into. Let's look at further examples and references for "walk."

Genesis 3:8

8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

Genesis 5:22

22 and Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:

The application of the word "walk," refers to the leading of God. It refers to how God leads people. God leads people and His leading includes direction, a place where an individual goes from one place to another. Hence why we saw Abraham (Genesis 13:17) walk from length to the breadth of a place.

Let's see other examples...

Enoch

Genesis 5:22

22 and <u>Enoch walked with God</u> after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:

Enoch believed in the promises of God. He "walked with God", that is to say, he believed in the message and he believed in the promise. Enoch not only believed but also preached the same message to his generation. He had seen and learned from what his father; Cain had done and decided to not follow in his footsteps. Enoch can be seen as God's spokesperson, warning his generation about the judgment, and condemnation of sin, that is, unbelief towards the word of God. He served and functioned as God's prophet and walked with God.

From this example, we can say Enoch walked with God because he believed in a message. A believer begins the journey by believing in the gospel. Aside from Enoch, take a look at Abraham again. Abraham walked with God.

Abraham

Genesis 17:1

And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.

Genesis 48:15

And he blessed Joseph, and said, God, before whom my fathers <u>Abraham and Isaac</u> <u>did walk</u>, the God which fed me all my life long unto this day,

The children of Israel

The children of Israel were instructed to walk in the lord's commandments.

Deuteronomy 5:33

<u>Ye shall walk</u> in all the ways which the LORD your God hath commanded you, that ye may live, and that it may be well with you, and that ye may prolong your days in the land which ye shall possess.

Exodus 19:5-6

5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:
6 and ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

"Walk" is seen as a conduct and believers are instructed to walk with God, and to keep his commandments. God sees his people with respect and wants them to walk with Him. By reason of us being born again, we can walk with God.

Look at 1 Peter 2:9-11

9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

10 which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

We have been bought, we are a chosen nation, a peculiar people. Peter brought this from the narrative of the children of Israel.

Deuteronomy 14:2

2 For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God, and the LORD hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth.

Deuteronomy 26:18-19

18 and the LORD hath avouched thee this day to be his peculiar people, as he hath promised thee, and that thou shouldest keep all his commandments;

19 and to make thee high above all nations which he hath made, in praise, and in name, and in honour; and that thou mayest be an holy people unto the LORD thy God, as he hath spoken.

As a result of us being born again, we have been made a peculiar nation and a chosen people.

So what is walking with God?

Walking with God means walking in the Spirit. Walking in the Spirit reflects the image of God and how He fulfills His plan on earth. It is the only way God's work is multiplied, and this happens through those who are born again. A born-again person will multiply and fill the earth. Walking in the Spirit shapes the believer's conduct and way of life.

In the Bible, there is a clear distinction between the Old Testament (Genesis to Malachi) and the New Testament (Matthew to Revelation). In the Old Testament, the phrase "walking with God" is more commonly used, while in the New Testament, "walking in the Spirit" becomes prevalent. This suggests that one who walks with God also walks in the Spirit. Since the believer is born again, has believed the gospel, and carries God's mission to spread the gospel throughout the earth, it is essential for the believer to walk in the Spirit.

Galatians 5:10

This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

"Walk" implies to tread on a path set before one. It is conducting oneself in a particular manner. So when one is walking in the spirit, one is conducting oneself and one's thoughts in a specific manner. A path has been created for the believer once they are born again. As believers, we are to follow the path that has been created for us.

Just like any relationship, walking with God requires walking on a path that has been created. On that path, one is going to conduct their thoughts and lifestyle according to the path that has been created for them.

Amos 3:3

Can two walk together, except they be agreed?

A lot of us have the desire to walk with God, but we do not want to agree with Him. We tend not to follow instructions given to us. We desire to walk with God, yet still keep our thoughts and desires. But walking with God means you will align your thoughts and will to His will. One thing to note as believers is that we have the indwelling of the spirit in us.

Ephesians 1:13

In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

John 14:16

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

There is a Holy Spirit within the believer that leads and guides us. The purpose of the Holy Spirit is for guidance and direction. Many believers make plans and decisions without consulting God first leading to a decision that could be contrary to what it is supposed to be.

Walking with God means the believer and God agree. That means the believer would walk in the spirit about things concerning their life. Many believers do things impulsively without considering the consequences of their actions. There are some important questions to ask when walking with God.

Is God in agreement with the life I live?

Is God in agreement with the job I do?

Is God in agreement with the relationships I have?

There are things to note, especially as a believer who is born again; 1. In our walk with God, it is pertinent to understand that we are human, we make mistakes and God likes us that way.

He gave us a will and choice but we are to honor Him with it. Having a choice and a will is not to rebel against Him. Many believers have attempted to walk with God several times, but some distractions keep them from doing so. Several things often distract us from focusing on our walk with God as believers. Man is a product of influence and those things have a way of influencing our lives.

2. To walk with God means to prioritize our relationship with him.

This starts with our devotion or quiet time. As a believer, do you spend time praying and feeding on the word? Do you have times when you listen, pray, and feed on the word? Minister to the lord, worship the name of the lord? Do you read, and speak God's word? That is the proof of fellowship with the lord.

Doing these things means you place priority in fellowshipping with God. Times where you drop your phone an hour or more to fellowship with God. However many believers tend to be distracted as they spend time with God and engage in other activities. That shows a lack of priority.

Walking with God is proof that the relationship is a priority to us as believers. Do you have a priority? Before engaging in different activities of the day, do you spend time with God? It is not complicated, it just means that you are keeping your father in your thoughts, mind, and eventually your deeds. That is walking in the spirit.

3. Walking in the spirit is a lifestyle. You can walk in either the way of the lord or the way of the world.

Ephesians 2:2

in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

The believer can walk according to the world which is according to social vices. Though using them occasionally is not a bad thing, when they determine one's lifestyle, it can be dangerous.

Since walking with God means to walk on the path He created for you, are you picking your walk from the scriptures? From the word? From what the spirit of God says to you? Or from the world?

Colossians 3:6-7

6 Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. 7 You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived.

Are you returning back to the old life once lived before becoming born again?

To walk with God is to walk in the spirit

Romans 8:4

in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Do you submit your thoughts, will, and emotions for the lord to lead you? Are you walking in the spirit?