A Powerful Witness

Col 4:5 **Walk in wisdom** toward them that are without, **redeeming the time**.

6 Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

Eph 5:15 See then that ye **walk circumspectly**, not as fools, but as wise,

16 **Redeeming the time**, because the days are evil.

17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

1Th 4:12 That ye may **walk honestly** toward them that are without, and that ye may have **lack of nothing**.

A Powerful Witness is when Character, Conduct and Conversation are all working together to win the Lost. (the Outsider)Not just the backslider.

Character—Who you are.

Conduct — What you do.

Conversation—How you live your life

* Speech
* Manner of living
  + Disposition---what you are like.
    - Personality-being a certain way. Quality
  + Attitude-Showing what you are like. Tone
    - Point of view-thinking a certain way

The Christians walk and talk must be compatible.

A Christian’s walk will make his witness Powerful.

The Pattern is found in Jesus Christ.

Eph 5:2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

Mt 11:19 The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. But wisdom is justified of her children.

Luke 2:40 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

Acts 6:10 And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake.

7:10 And delivered him out of all his afflictions, and gave him favour and wisdom in the sight of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house.

1Co 2:1 And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God.

4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:

1Co 2:5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

6 Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought:

7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

* 1. A Gracious Spirit with a spiritual mind (Not a compromiser)
  2. walk circumspectly

**Circumspectly**—taking into consideration all possible circumstances and consequences before acting.

Precision, accuracy (Exactly) diligently, perfect(-ly)

(**Circum**-Around) (**spectly**-Looking)—Looking around (conditions, consequences)

Commanded, Commissioned, Charged and Challenged. (cost)

Mat. 2:8 And he sent them to Bethlehem and said Go and search diligently …

Acts 18:25 This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John.

Luke 1:3 It seemed good to me also, having had **perfect understanding** of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus,

1Thes. 5:2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

Eph 5:1 Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;

“followers of God”

mimetes, mim-ay-tace'

Mimic --- an imitator a dearly beloved child (as produced)

2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

1. Walk in love

A. “Christ also hath loved us”

* 1. Jesus Loves you,
  2. You walk in His love, knowing, trusting and believing in His full Love.

C. Love is the atmosphere

Eph 4:2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

1. **Walk in wisdom**

Eph 5:8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

1. Walk as children of light:

B. “Now are ye light in the Lord”

Light is truth, true way to do things. True Light will manifest the Life of Jesus.

1. Pray faithfully Acts 1:14; continued with one accord in prayer and supplication. 2:46 continuing daily with one accord in the Temple.

Col 4:2 Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;

1Th 5:17 Pray without ceasing.

Fire in the Altar so the incense will rise to God.

Ps 141:2 Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

(I am the Sacrifice) Heb 13:15 By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

16 But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. (Rom.12:1)

1. Sing with grace in your heart;

Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

1. Witness with Grace in your heart

Lu 4:22 And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth.

Eph 4:29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

Eph 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

Eph 5:15 “**See** then that ye walk circumspectly”

**See**

blepo, blep'-o

To look at, behold, beware, perceive, regard, take heed

1. We walk circumspectly
   1. Precision
   2. Accuracy (Exactly)
   3. Diligently
   4. Perfect(-ly)

1Ti 3:7 Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

Pr 15:30 The light of the eyes rejoiceth the heart: and a good report maketh the bones fat.

Ac 10:22 And they said, Cornelius the centurion, a just man, and one that feareth God, and of good report among all the nation of the Jews, was warned from God by an holy angel to send for thee into his house, and to hear words of thee.

Ac 22:12 And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, having a good report of all the Jews which dwelt there,

2Co 6:8 By honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true;

Php 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

1Sa 2:24 Nay, my sons; for it is no good report that I hear: ye make the LORD'S people to transgress.

Heb 11:2 For by it the elders obtained a good report.

39 And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:

3Jo 1:12 Demetrius hath good report of all men, and of the truth itself: yea, and we also bear record; and ye know that our record is true.