



## Mighty in the Word

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness;  
But unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (*1 Cor. 1.18*).

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## Walking in the Spirit

**W**alking in the Spirit is to be led by the Spirit, by the Holy Spirit. One must know the One by whom they are being led. One must have a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. You cannot be led by someone you are not willing to follow.

When we talk of walking in the Spirit, we are talking of someone who knows the Lord Jesus Christ personally and intimately. We are talking of someone whose life is completely surrendered to the Lord Jesus Christ to His purpose for them, someone who is willing to walk in obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ.

If we are willing to walk in obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ, that means that we are willing to walk in obedience to the Word of the Lord:

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.  
In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths (Pro 3.5, 6).

Let's begin at the beginning to make sure there is an understanding of this walk with the Lord Jesus Christ.

First, one must have repented of their sins and asked Jesus Christ to come into their life to be their Lord and Savior. When one prays, repenting of their sins, and then ask Jesus Christ to come into their life to be their Lord and Savior, one is saying they are willing for Jesus to be Lord of their life. They ask the Lord daily, what is it You want of me this day? I am willing to walk in obedience to Your will, Jesus, for Your glory. What do You want me to do this day? What is it You want me to say this day? What is it You want me to be today?

The person will seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness daily in their lives (Matthew 6.33). They will seek not to look like the world in what the world is doing with their bodies, the way they dress (or is that – uh – don't dress). They will seek to have the mind of Christ (Rom 8.6) and think the thoughts of the Lord. They will seek to walk in the righteousness and holiness of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord says in the Old Testament,

Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I [am] the LORD your God.  
And ye shall keep my statutes, and do them: I [am] the LORD which sanctify you (Lev 20, 7, 8).

The Lord says in the New Testament,

Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

The choice is yours to walk day by day being led by the Holy Spirit at all costs. Romans 8.8, 11: "... they that are in the flesh cannot please God." When you are following the Lord Jesus Christ, you are to abide in Him and He in you. "But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you."

We ask many people three questions as we go day to day and wherever we go.

1) Is there a time in your life when you repented of your sins and asked Jesus Christ to be your Lord and Savior?

If their answer is yes, we then ask a second question.

2) Are you living for Jesus?

If their answer is yes, we then ask a third question.

3) Are you reading the Word, the Holy Bible, every day?

When they respond with No, we have to ask, a fourth question.

4) How can you tell me you are living for Jesus and you do not know what His Word says, what He commands and demands of you? If you are not reading the Bible daily, you are living a godly life for Satan. You can only live a godly life for the Lord Jesus Christ if you are reading the Bible daily to know His way, the way of holiness.

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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).

As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy I P 1.13-16).

The Lord goes on to make it clear that the life of one who believes in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is very different from the world, is patterned after the life of Jesus Christ. The Lord makes it very clear that the one who knows Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior **will walk** in His ways, will walk *The Way* of the Cross of Christ. He commands us to live according to His ways. He makes it clear that we cannot walk with one foot in the world. You cannot divide yourself and have one foot walk with the world, Satan, and one foot following Jesus Christ. Try walking with one foot going to the left and the other going to the right – at the same time. God in Christ Jesus says,

Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord . . . (II Cor 6.17)

If you give half your heart to Jesus and half your heart to Satan (the world), how much have you given to Jesus? Wrong! You cannot divide a heart. Ask any physician what happens to a heart that is divided. That physician will tell you the heart is dead the moment you divide it. You must make a decision right now: Will it be Jesus or Satan, the world?

Joshua said to the children of Israel,

Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD.

And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that [*were*] on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD (Jos 24.14, 15)..

The children of Israel did not serve the Lord when Joshua died. People today who say they know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior all too often say “I will serve the Lord,” but walk a different way. We find this all through the Bible, and today, that people say one thing but live a lie; they walk with the world and you cannot tell them from the world when you meet them. The Lord said to the children of Israel in Jeremiah 6.16-17, “ask for the old paths.” Their response was honest: “...they said, We will **NOT** walk therein.”

Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where [*is*] the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk [*therein*].

Also I set watchmen over you, [*saying*], Hearken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken (Jer 6.16, 17).

Now having dealt with what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ, let us move on to what it means to walk in the Spirit, being led by the Holy Spirit. This is not an easy life, but it is one of joy and peace in the Lord Jesus Christ in the midst of adversity and persecution.

We have brothers and sisters in other countries who are persecuted for the sake of Jesus Christ. They have chosen to walk with the Lord, to be led by the Spirit of God

regardless of the cost. Many have lost family and friends. And, don’t forget what King David said,

Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up [*his*] heel against me (Psa 41.9).

In the time of St. Polycarp, was it not one of his own household who did report him for being one who knew Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior? Bishop Polycarp went to his death for Jesus Christ gloriously as did St. Stephen in the Bible (Acts 6-7). These are people who were sold out to Jesus with their lives, their all. They loved Him so much for they knew their love did not compare to “The Love of God” for them, He Who died on the Cross of Calvary for their sins – for your sins and my sins. The apostles counted it all joy to be worthy to suffer for Jesus Christ (Acts 5.41). We are to joy in living for Jesus. When our hearts, our lives, our minds, our all is given to Jesus and we live for Him, we will have His peace:

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid (Jn 14.27).

These and many all through history have known what it is to be led by the Holy Spirit, to walk in the Spirit. These are they who trust in the Lord with all their hearts, who walk in obedience to the Lord regardless of the cost. They are willing to walk alone with the Lord should no one else go with them. It is said of John Knox, a theologian, that he feared God so much that he feared no man. Oh, that our love for the Lord God Almighty in Jesus Christ would be that strong, that we would know the Lord that well!

We are commanded to trust in the Lord with all of our heart and lean not unto our own understanding. This is to walk having faith in God. There is an old hymn which says, “Have Faith in God.” Then a hymn that says, “Have Thine Own Way, Lord.” Oh, that we could say our lives are in Jesus Christ, that we are totally committed to Him.

Deuteronomy 6.4-9 is a command for us from the Lord God. We are to teach the way of the Lord when we are at home, when we are away from home, when we lie down, and when we rise. Walking in the Spirit is a way of life moment by moment. It is not when or if it is convenient.

If you know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, it is not a choice whether to live for Him day by day, each moment of the way. There are no choices when a Christian. It is His (the Lord Jesus Christ) way – or no way. There is no other way than His way. Know that the Lord is not smiling upon the sin that runs rampant on this earth. He is not saying, Oh, you’re okay; I love you however you are – you just keep on going your own way. No, we are commanded to live a holy life, to live in the righteousness, and holiness of the Lord.

Let me say that the Lord Jesus is **not** understanding of your sins. Jesus Christ did not die on the Cross of Calvary for us to decide we can walk in sin, believing He will understand – contrary to what many standing on pulpits in the “churches” are saying. Remember Matthew 23? especially verse 15:

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.