

To Walk as Jesus Walked.

Living Word Community Fellowship

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1 John 2:3-6

³ Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. ⁴ He who says, “I know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a ^dliar, and the truth is not in him. ⁵ But ^e whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God ¹is perfected ^fin him. By this we know that we are in Him. ⁶ ^gHe who says he abides in Him ^hought himself also to walk just as He walked. ¹

- **Two instructions here.**
- **Too abide in His Word.**
- **And to Walk as He walked.**
- **Vs 3 – 5 give us clear instruction. The obedience to abide in His Word is a declaration of our love for Him. It is a declaration of our trust in Him and the perfection of His Word for the outworking of the fullness of life in our everyday walk.**

^d Rom. 3:4

^e John 14:21, 23

¹ has been completed

^f [1 John 4:12]

^g John 15:4

^h Matt. 11:29; John 13:15; 15:10; 1 Pet. 2:21

¹The New King James Version. 1982 (1 Jn 2:3-6). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

- Because we are New Creations we know that we are well able to walk in that newly created state with Jesus as our example, in total accordance to His word.

Matthew 16:24

²⁴ ^vThen Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and ^wfollow Me. ²⁵ For ^xwhoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. ²⁶ For what ^yprofit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or ^zwhat will a man give in exchange for his soul?
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Luke 14:26

²⁵ Now great multitudes went with Him. And He turned and said to them, ²⁶ ^k“If anyone comes to Me ^land does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, ^myes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. ²⁷ And ⁿwhoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. ²⁸ For ^owhich of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down

^v Mark 8:34; Luke 9:23; [Acts 14:22; 2 Cor. 4:10, 11; 1 Thess. 3:3; 2 Tim. 3:12]

^w [1 Pet. 2:21]

^x Luke 17:33; John 12:25

^y Luke 12:20, 21

^z Ps. 49:7, 8

² *The New King James Version*. 1982 (Mt 16:24-26). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

^k Deut. 13:6; 33:9; Matt. 10:37

^l Rom. 9:13

^m Rev. 12:11

ⁿ Matt. 16:24; Mark 8:34; Luke 9:23; [2 Tim. 3:12]

^o Prov. 24:27

first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it—²⁹ lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him,³⁰ saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’³¹ Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand?³² Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace.³³ So likewise, whoever of you^p does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.

³⁴ ^q“Salt is good; but if the salt has lost its flavor, how shall it be seasoned?³⁵ It is neither fit for the land nor for the⁷ dunghill, but men throw it out. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”

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- **Unpack this a bit.**
- **Hate not a good translation here. The meaning more accurately is that of preferring. i.e. “He who prefers etc above Me is not worthy of me”, the suggestion being the putting above Jesus in every circumstance.**
- **The taking up the Cross being the death to self, all selfish ambitions and ideas of our own that conflict with the Word of God, His instruction to us either by Logos or Rhema.**
- **Comment on Logos and Rhema (Simplified).**
- **The forsaking of all to follow Jesus.**
- **This being an example.**

^p Matt. 19:27

^q Matt. 5:13; [Mark 9:50]

⁷ rubbish heap

³The New King James Version. 1982 (Lk 14:25-35). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

- We are constantly challenged with respect to our preference regarding trust in Him.
- If we will just submit all our ways to Him, in every way He will meet every need in our lives, but, and there is a very BIG BUT, He knows perfectly what our needs are and that sometimes conflicts with our ideas of what we want and need.
- We cannot simply put Him in a box of our own expectations and declare He should provide, it must always be in accordance to His will for our lives.

Matthew 19:16

¹⁶ ^o *Now behold, one came and said to Him, ^p“Good ⁴Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?”*

¹⁷ *So He said to him, ⁵“Why do you call Me good? ⁶No one is ^qgood but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, ^rkeep the commandments.”*

¹⁸ *He said to Him, “Which ones?”*

Jesus said, ^s“‘You shall not murder,’ ‘You shall not commit adultery,’ ‘You shall not steal,’ ‘You shall not bear false witness,’ ¹⁹ ^t‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ^u‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”

^o Matt. 19:16–29; Mark 10:17–30; Luke 18:18–30

^p Luke 10:25

⁴ NU omits *Good*

⁵ NU *Why do you ask Me about what is good?*

⁶ NU *There is One who is good. But*

^q Ps. 25:8; 34:8; Nah. 1:7; [Rom. 2:4]

^r Lev. 18:5; Deut. 4:40; 6:17; 7:11; 11:22; 28:9; Neh. 9:29; Ezek. 20:21; [Gal. 3:10]

^s Ex. 20:13–16; Deut. 5:17–20

^t Ex. 20:12–16; Deut. 5:16–20; Matt. 15:4

²⁰ *The young man said to Him, “All these things I have ^vkept ⁷from my youth. What do I still lack?”*

²¹ *Jesus said to him, “If you want to be perfect, ^wgo, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.”*

²² *But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.*

²³ *Then Jesus said to His disciples, “Assuredly, I say to you that ^xit is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. ²⁴ And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”*

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- **Comment on above. His trust was in his wealth, he was not prepared to walk away from his wealth, but a true and called disciple will do so, nothing will deter them from following Him.**

Mark 10:28 (The example of the disciples)

²⁸ *^wThen Peter began to say to Him, “See, we have left all and followed You.”*

²⁹ *So Jesus answered and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother ³or wife or children or ⁴lands, for My sake and the gospel’s, ³⁰ ^xwho shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time—houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and*

^u Lev. 19:18; Matt. 22:39; [Rom. 13:9; Gal. 5:14; James 2:8]

^v [Phil. 3:6, 7]

⁷ NU omits *from my youth*

^w Matt. 6:20; Luke 12:33; Acts 2:45; 4:34, 35; 1 Tim. 6:18, 19

^x [Matt. 13:22]; Mark 10:24; 1 Cor. 1:26; [1 Tim. 6:9]

⁴ *The New King James Version*. 1982 (Mt 19:16-24). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

^w Matt. 19:27; Luke 18:28

³ NU omits *or wife*

⁴ Lit. *fields*

^x 2 Chr. 25:9; Luke 18:29, 30

lands, with ^ypersecutions—and in the age to come, eternal life. ³¹ ^zBut many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

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Luke 5:27 (Leaving businesses).

²⁷ ^bAfter these things He went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, ^c “Follow Me.” ²⁸ So he left all, rose up, and ^dfollowed Him.

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Luke 14:33 (Conditions of Discipleship)

³³ So likewise, whoever of you ^pdoes not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.

³⁴ ^q“Salt is good; but if the salt has lost its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? ³⁵ It is neither fit for the land nor for the ⁷dunghill, but men throw it out. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”

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^y 1 Thess. 3:3; 2 Tim. 3:12; [1 Pet. 4:12, 13]

^z Matt. 19:30; 20:16; Luke 13:30

⁵ *The New King James Version*. 1982 (Mk 10:28-31). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

^b Matt. 9:9–17; Mark 2:13–22

^c [Mark 8:34]; Luke 9:59; John 12:26; 21:19, 22

^d Matt. 4:22; 19:27; Mark 10:28

⁶ *The New King James Version*. 1982 (Lk 5:27-28). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

^p Matt. 19:27

^q Matt. 5:13; [Mark 9:50]

⁷ rubbish heap

⁷ *The New King James Version*. 1982 (Lk 14:32-35). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

Luke 18:29 (Promised reward)

²⁹ So He said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you, *“there is no one who has left house or parents or brothers or wife or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, ³⁰ v who shall not receive many times more in this present time, and in the age to come eternal life.”*”
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- **N.B. Both in this world and the next. Note also that it is at His call, at His direction, he is the only one that can truly say, to use a common phrase “It’s My way or the Highway”.**

Philippians 3:8 (Paul’s example)

⁷ But ^mwhat things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. ⁸ Yet indeed I also count all things loss ⁿfor the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in Him, not having ^omy own righteousness, which is from the law, but ^pthat which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; ¹⁰ that I may know Him and the ^qpower of His resurrection, and ^rthe fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, ¹¹ if, by any means, I may ^sattain ²to the resurrection from the dead.

^u Deut. 33:9

^v Job 42:10

⁸The New King James Version. 1982 (Lk 18:29-30). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

^m Matt. 13:44

ⁿ Is. 53:11; Jer. 9:23; John 17:3; 1 Cor. 2:2; [Eph. 4:13]

^o Rom. 10:3

^p Rom. 1:17

^q Eph. 1:19, 20

^r [Rom. 6:3–5]; 2 Cor. 1:5; 1 Pet. 4:13

^s Acts 26:6–8; [1 Cor. 15:23; Rev. 20:5]

- **Note the attitude of total surrender, his one purpose and goal is to serve Christ and walk in His ways.**
- **Conformed to His death, total sacrifice of our own personal ideals, pleasures and desires.**
- **One desire only, to serve Him and to see Him raised up, so we become the salt of the earth.**
- **This truly the ‘Walk that Christ walked’. He was in total submission to the will of the Father, He lived totally in accordance to His Word and all provision for His ministry was made for Him.**

NEXT TIME I SPEAK WITH YOU.

- **I want to address what is termed the “Prosperity Doctrine” that has taken hold in many ministries world wide. There is a truth, and there is a deception I believe. There is a balance to which we must attain, and that is evident from the Word, I believe, and has expression in the following scripture.**

1 Timothy 6:3-11

³ If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to ^bwholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, ^cand to the ¹doctrine which accords with godliness, ⁴ he is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions, ⁵ ²useless wranglings of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. ³From ^dsuch withdraw yourself.

² Lit. arrive at

^b 2 Tim. 1:13

^c Titus 1:1

¹ teaching

² NU, M constant friction

³ NU omits the rest of v. 5.

⁶ Now godliness with ^econtentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into this world, ⁴and it is ^fcertain we can carry nothing out. ⁸ And having food and clothing, with these we shall be ^gcontent. ⁹ But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through

^d 2 Tim. 3:5

^e Phil. 4:11; Heb. 13:5

⁴ NU omits *and it is certain*

^f Job 1:21; Ps. 49:17; Eccl. 5:15

^g Prov. 30:8, 9

⁹*The New King James Version*. 1982 (1 Ti 6:3-10). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.