



Walking Worthy of Your Calling for God's Glory

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TODAY'S READING: Ephesians 4

In the first three chapters of Ephesians, we read about the riches and the mystery in Christ Jesus. Today's reading speaks to our walk in Christ. Right out of the gate the apostle Paul sets the bar for what's required as we follow Christ, *"I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace"* (Ephesians 4:1-3, NKJV).

These characteristics reflect the fruit of the Spirit in the believer. As these behaviors are readily seen in us, the recipients of God's gifts, we prove ourselves worthy by abiding in Christ and living for God's Glory. You see we must adhere to our purpose in Christ, *"And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ"* (Ephesians 4:11-12 NKJV).

My friends, please make no mistake. We all have work to do in the Body of Christ. Our calling is not a spectator sport, but being an active participant in the Cause of Christ. Said another way, we must be doers of the Word! Some may not feel this calling in Christ. However, that does not negate the responsibility we all have to build up the Body of Christ. Paul speaks to the Body of Christ functioning this way, *"From whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love"* (Ephesians 4:16, NKJV).

Yes, my friends, we are new men and women in Christ! No longer those who are tossed to and fro with every kind of doctrine. No, we have heard from Jesus, through His Spirit and been taught by the same Spirit. He has transformed our hearts and minds as we pursue Him. Therefore, put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness. Question: Where are you in your walk with Christ? Are you fulfilling your calling in Jesus? These are questions we should wrestle with daily because we never want any corrupt word or ungodly behavior to detract from our witness for Christ. The apostle Paul encourages us in this way, *"And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you"* (Ephesians 4:30-32).

PRAYER: Our Father in the heavens, Jehovah God, we come before You as Your humble children in full surrender. Father, we pray that You will continue to help us understand our place in Your kingdom. Help us, Father, live up to Your expectations by magnifying the name of Jesus as we share the gospel message with others. Help us, Father, prove ourselves worthy of our

calling, as we do our absolute best to honor and glorify Your Holy name. It is in your Son Jesus, the Christ's name we pray, amen.

TOMORROW'S READING: Weekend is for catch-up and review.

MONDAY'S READING: Ephesians 5

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