

Notes for Session Two: Walking with God

Review:

1. **Walk in righteousness with the intent of His righteousness being developed in me**
2. **Walk in agreement**
3. **Walk in mutual trust**
4. **Keep in step**

There are two ways we don't keep in step: either by going ahead of Him or lag behind Him. These are characterized by **zeal** and **knowledge**.

If my zeal outpaces the knowledge He has given, I go ahead of Him with my own thoughts and desires

If my zeal lags behind the knowledge (desires/impulses) He has given, I may lag behind Him.

I need to bring both of these things to Him. If He brings before me a person and I don't speak up, I need to ask myself, "If not you, then who will talk to them?" "If not now, then when?" If He plants that knowledge before me and my zeal is not up to the task of being obedient to Him, then I fall behind. Or I may race ahead of Him and do things He doesn't want me to do.

We must begin our day, and continue our day walking with Him. This characterizes the walk of Enoch and our walk as well.

In summary: We want to keep our eyes on Jesus. Distractions prevent us from doing that.

Concerning our resources and His responsibilities (item three: mutual trust): What resources do we have that Jesus wants to use?

Our resources: Our **time**, our **treasures**, our **talents**. Are they dedicated to Him?

Time: Am I spending my time for my own interests or for His (Phil. 2:21). Show me what You want me to do, to bring glory to You.

We should try to not to schedule all my time for the day. Provide margin. Leave time available to Him for Him to use. Don't plan my day so full that there is no room for Him.

Treasures: Money: Not just the 10% but the other 90%. How does He want me to use this? Talents and abilities: What skills does He want me to use for Him? Bring them before God to see how he would use them.

Talents: What are the skills He has given me? How does He want me to use those? Bring them before God.

Concerning Christ's righteousness being imputed or imparted to us: There seems to be two sides to fall off of:

Either we think I'm good enough through my own righteousness or

we can err by thinking I'm terrible and not measuring up at all. How to balance that and keep our eyes on Him?

A counselor once said: Need to get to the bottom of yourself and find out what a worm you are. For every look at yourself, we need to balance with 10 of looking at Christ. The more we look at Him the more the Holy Spirit will magnify Him in our lives. Looking at ourselves is helpful for repentance but never for encouragement.

Col. 3:3-4: Our life is hid with Christ in God. As we see more and more of His likeness and we concentrate less and less on ourselves.

On the issue of keeping in step with the Lord. Zeal and knowledge. How do we do that practically?

Zeal: We all have thoughts and desires. We all have dream - to do things for the Lord. How to tell if it's of me or not? If I'm anxious about something and really feel I need to accomplish this, then it may be something of the flesh. If I'm concerned about the outcome: too much zeal and not enough knowledge. If I'm doing it to be noticed or applauded then I need to be wary of.

Lorne Sanny: Don't get too hung up on motives. Just do what is right and trust the Lord to guide you. Satan likes to bug us and tell us our motives are not pure. "I doubt if I've ever had a pure motive in my life."

On the other hand, re: Knowledge of the Lord: too often we say, "Let me think about that" when He has laid before us something. Pray about it and ask the Lord to impress on our heart what He wants us to do.