The Christian Walk

Ken Chapman · Ephesians 5:1–16

INTRODUCTION

- Knowing how to run a marathon knowing how to win a marathon are very different than actually running and winning one.
- Knowledge, no matter how great it might be, is absolutely worthless unless some real transformation in life takes place, and unless we put that knowledge into real practical, continual action and behavior.
- We want to combine or let the apostle Paul combine those two when we talk about activity that is born out of relationship.

1 Walk in Love

Ephesians 5:1–2; 1 Corinthians 13

- If you're a follower of God as dear children, you will walk where He walked. You will walk as He walked.
- Walk in love. As Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling aroma.
- Don't let the highness of the hurdle discourage you from trying to achieve that goal.
- If you're not walking in love, you don't have God. You are not a child of God, and heaven won't be your home.
- We must understand this that love is God's doctrine. Love is God's law.

2 Walk as Children of Light

Ephesians 5:8

- You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.
- You must walk in the light. Because He is not only in the light, He is the light.
- There would be no light, literally or metaphorically, without God.
- Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.
- That requires humility. That requires submission. That requires me being quiet and listening to God's instructions.
- Walking in light doesn't mean doing my best. Walking in the light means walking where God walks, because He is the light.

3 Walk in Wisdom

Ephesians 5:15–16; Genesis 3

- See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

- Walk aware of what's going on, aware of our circumstances, aware of God and our fellow man.
- The days are evil in the sense that the calendar and the clock is against us.
- Use the minutes God has given you while they're before you instead of behind you.
- We live in a cursed planet. Sin has multiplied and multiplied. The days are evil.
- Wisdom is from above. Not our own homegrown wisdom. But God's revealed will.

THE CHALLENGE

Be followers of God as dear children. Walk in love, walk in the light, and walk in wisdom. Would you be a follower of God?

MY NOTES