



Walking in the Spirit

Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh ... If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. —Galatians 5:16, 25

In California, when I first became a Christian in the '70s, I thought it was so strange when one day another *church guy* asked me: "Kurt, how's your walk?"

Man, I was way-baffled, because I drove my bug with the surf racks almost everywhere that I went. I hardly ever went out for a stroll? My gate seemed pretty fast—you know, proceeding at a good clip. Yup, I was making good time as I got around my high school in Dana Point—no tripping, no running, no stumbling into people or pillars. Sure, I could walk dude.

I really didn't get what this young man meant. Since then I've learned to decipher some Christian lingo in this church-subculture (not all, but some).

Christian, if you plan to *fish for souls* ([evangelize](#)) or [do missionary work](#) anywhere, please do articulate truth using terms with explanations that the irreligious people and baby Christians (..just like I was on the West Coast) will understand. Feel free to use Bible words of course, but you'll need to define those terms for them.

The term "walk" is used dozens of times in the New Testament to describe the manner of life that a person is leading and many of these Bible occurrences depict the Christian life; for example, "*walk in love... walk as children of light... walk circumspectly*" (Eph. 5:2, 8, 15). Hey, if there was ever a time that we need to walk circumspectly, walk prayerfully and in the Spirit, I would say it would be now during an election year. I don't know about you, but it's kind of hard for me to tell when a candidate really means what they are saying.

*O Lord, You are incredibly faithful and forever will be,
You never ever give up on working in me;
So as I am seeking to walk in Your Spirit each day,
Help me to pray and follow in Your will and Your Way!*

Of course every walk has an alpha point and an omega destination point. Our spiritual beginning was when we experienced the new birth—we were literally, "*born of the Spirit*" (Jn. 3:6). [Has this happened to you?](#) It can right now!

The Christian's ultimate destination is a location called Heaven. That's where we'll forever be with God Who cares for us: "*And thus we shall always be with the Lord*" (1 Thess. 4:17). A godly walk is steady, holy, strong and progressive. And God calls us to be faithful so we will one day hear: "*Well done, good and faithful servant*" (Matt. 25:21). We are called to press on ahead

rather than digress spiritually or return to embrace the world's system, ***"forgetting those things which are behind ...I press toward the goal"*** (Phil. 3:13-14).

A walk in Christ should be an exciting adventure if you'll cooperate with Him—it's really only boring for boring people ...so don't be boring! I've felt bored before—it was when I didn't inquire about what I should be doing that day.

Contrary to what some mega-ministry personalities teach, the truth is this: in the Christian walk, we can encounter trials, temptations, challenges, persecutions and blessings ...that don't even appear like blessings at first, ***"in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness.... as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things"*** (2 Cor. 6:5,10). It can be flat-out paradoxical at times, but I say hang in there with walking, for all things will eventually work together for good for those who love the Word of God!

Daily, we are to rely upon the power of the Spirit in our lives, wherever He might lead us. If we don't, our fleshly nature (our natural humanity apart from God's good control) will prevail to our hurt—yup, that's not a good thing! That would be a bad thing. Lot's of us have proclivities, inadequacies, fears, propensities and iniquitous improper tendencies that we can not conquer without God's help. But He is there to help you overcome all that junk! That's why Paul could say, ***"You shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh."***

How we start out in Christ, is how we proceed in Him—by faith, ***"As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him"*** (Col 2:6, nkjv).

Listen, [God wants to use your walk](#) to influence others to start walking right. So please don't always walk away from sinners. Let your two feet and ten toes proactively walk towards them in love; to build friendship, to listen and to tell them the Good News! Never look down on them—you too are a sinner ..just like me. And if they're not open to hearing you and they keep trash-talkin' in your ear, then simply walk away ...towards other sinners.

If you're going to live in the Spirit, go for it all the way, don't delay ...walking in obedience every day! Why do anything in an unenthused sort of way? Keep your eyes upon the Prize for your home is up in the skies, and one day from the dead, you will arise!

Walk your talk, for the Holy Spirit loves all observant unbelievers just like He loves you!

In the Fisher's mighty hand,
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