



WALKING WITH GOD

WHO GOD IS AND HOW WE SHOULD WALK WITH HIM

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* * INTRODUCTION

By God's grace, we are saved and called to serve the Lord God almighty. We are also called to walk with Him closely. What does walking with God mean? In this study, I define walking with God as a constant communion with Him. In previous studies ("People of the Book" and "Servants of God"), we studied about what we believe, who we are and what we do as God's servants. Now, we will examine what it means to walk or commune with God. Why is walking with God an important topic to study? Isn't it enough to accept Christ at the altar and serve at church on Sundays? No, it is not enough. God did not call us to a life of tasks but into a relationship with Him. Without an abiding relationship with Him, we are nothing and cannot bear fruit that glorifies Him.

Through consulting with many church leaders, I have found several common issues in many churches. Many church leaders actively serve in their churches through preaching, teaching and visitation ministry. However, many confessed that they have not experienced real discipleship in their ministry. What is the reason? I believe the reason is the lack of a daily walk with the Lord. Discipleship is not a program and does not only happen on Sunday mornings. It happens 24 hours a day and seven days a week. It happens throughout our daily rhythms of life. It is generated and motivated by a daily walk with Christ. Without this daily walk with Him, all of the doctrines we know and all of the ministries we serve

do not have much meaning. If church leaders are not walking with the Lord on a daily basis, they cannot expect their congregations to do likewise. Simply put, walking with God is essential for discipleship. Also, there is a huge need for God's provision and protection in our daily lives as we engage in spiritual battles. Mark Water wrote, "Christians are engaged in a spiritual battle all their lives." There are temptations around us which discourage our relationship with God and encourage us to follow the course of the world, tempting us to fall into sin. In this day-to-day spiritual battle, we have to focus on Christ and receive help from Him to live each day victoriously. Without a close, abiding

This book is divided into three parts:

- What heart issues walking with God deals with
 - 1. Internal and external conflicts
 - 2. Deceptive fear
- What emotional needs walking with God provides
 - 1. Divine presence
 - 2. Divine delight
- How walking with God equips us for life and ministry
 - 1. True power
 - 2. True wisdom
 - 3. True motivation

¹ Mark Water, *Bible Teachings Made Easy*, The Made Easy Series (Alresford, Hampshire: John Hunt Publishers Ltd. 1998). 18.

relationship with God there is no way we can sustain and grow in our spiritual life and ministry. We must consistently trust and depend on the one who created us in His image and saved us by His grace as we continually walk with Him.

This study is for all followers of Christ who want to grow in their relationship with Him. If you have read the Bible for many years or served in the church for several years but have not developed the daily habit of walking with Christ, you will benefit from this study. If you have just come to Christ and want to know what it means to walk with Christ, you will also be good beneficiaries of this study. And if you're a ministry leader who has worked many hours in the pulpit but has experienced spiritual dryness, this study is also for you. Just like the previous two studies, this study will guide readers to consult Bible verses on topics such as emotions, relationships, strengths, encouragement and more. This book is a practical guideline on how to apply scriptural truths to daily life and walk with God. Through this study, my prayer is that you will understand what it means to love the Lord and to walk with Him for His kingdom. I also pray that you can apply what you learn so you may grow spiritually, benefit your local church and help others grow in their walk with the Lord. Finally, I pray that as your relationship with Christ grows, the nations would witness your walk with Christ and be drawn to Him.

How to use this book:

- 1. Pray first.
- 2. Read scriptural references at least three times.
- 3. Fill in the blanks* and answer additional questions, such as:
 - What does this mean? (Who is God? Who is the world? Who is the church?)
 - What should I do in response to this truth?
- 4. Memorize a verse per day from pages 53-65
- 5. Watch short daily videos on Walking with God at ncbaptist.org/walkingwithgodvideos.
- 6. Meet with your group once a week to go through questions/answers.
- 7. Facilitate group discussion by asking:
 - What stood out the most to you? Why?
 - What are you going to do in response to your learning?
 - What is your prayer request based on your learning?
- 8. Finish with prayer.



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*Answers to fill-in-the-blanks on page 67

WHAT HEART ISSUES WALKING WITH GOD DEALS WITH

Heart issues are deeply hidden. No one can see them, but they impact everything. No matter how great we look on the outside, if the inside is not stable, what shows on the outside is only superficial. Spiritual maturity cannot be met until the heart is settled by God's grace. Peter Scazzero writes, "It wasn't until I understood that these beneath-the-surface components of my life had not been transformed by Jesus that I discovered the inseparable link between emotional health and spiritual maturity — that it is not possible to be spiritually mature while remaining emotionally immature."2 Good or evil things come out of the *treasure* of the heart.³ Heart issues do matter. In this section, we are going to look at two aspects of heart issues: internal and external conflict and deceptive fear in the heart.

1. INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL CONFLICT:

Everyone is dealing with conflicts not only on the outside but also on the inside. While someone may look fine on the outside, their heart might be hiding an array of internal conflict. Unresolved internal and external conflicts can hurt and can be a sign of poor mental and spiritual health. The root cause of interpersonal conflict is sin (Gal. 5:19-20). James explains that conflict or fighting is the result of uncontrolled passions and desires (James 4:1-3).4 However, we don't have to let sin have the last word. God can and does redeem it for His purpose. "When Christians learn to be peacemakers, they can turn conflict into an opportunity to strengthen relationships, preserve valuable resources, and make their lives a testimony to the love and power of Christ." Let's see how we can deal with both internal and external conflicts as we walk with God.

- ² Peter Scazzero, *The Emotionally Healthy Leader* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2015), 17.
- ³ Marvin Richardson Vincent, *Word Studies in the New Testament*, vol. 1 (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1887), 72.
- ⁴ Chad Brand et al., eds., "Conflict, Interpersonal," *Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary* (Nashville, TN: Holman Bible Publishers, 2003), 330.6 Spurgeon, Soul Winning, 64.
- ⁵ Ken Sande, *The Peacemaker "A Biblical Guide to resolving personal conflict"* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 2004), 12.

A. Anger and conflict

Anger is one of the most serious causes of conflict. Jesus paralleled anger with murder when He said that "everyone who is angry with his brother shall be liable to judgment" (Matt. 5:22) just as if he had actually committed the murder he felt in his angry heart.⁶

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1.	Be angry, and do not; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent. (Psalm 4:4)
2.	Refrain from, and forsake wrath! Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil. (Psalm 37:8)
3.	A man of quick acts foolishly, and a man of evil devices is hated. (Proverbs 14:17)
4.	Whoever is to anger has great understanding, but he who has a hasty temper exalts (Proverbs 14:29)
	A SOFT ANSWER TURNS AWAY , BUT A WORD STIRS UP ANGER. + • • PROVERBS 15:1
6.	Be not in your spirit to become angry, for anger lodges in the bosom of (Ecclesiastes 7:9)
7.	But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the of fire. (Matthew 5:22)

⁶ Wesley L. Gerig, "Anger," Baker Encyclopedia of the Bible (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1988), 90.

8.	Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is
	in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live
	with all. (Romans 12:17-18)
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9.	Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the
	of God, for it is written, "is mine, I will repay, says the
	Lord." (Romans 12:19)
10	. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity,
	sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy,
	, rivalries, dissensions,
	divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you,
	as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the
	of God. (Galatians 5:19-21)
11.	Be angry and do not; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the (Ephesians 4:26-27)
12	. Let all and wrath and and
	clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.
	(Ephesians 4:31)
13	. What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that
	your are at war within you? You desire and do not have,
	so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not
	have, because you do not (James 4:1-2)
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Wesley L. Gerig, "Anger," *Baker Encyclopedia of the Bible* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1988), 91.

control anger that comes from our sinfulness and stop ungodly conflict.

B. Anxiety and stress

We are living in a world full of anxiety and stress. Christians are not immune to these two monstrous heart issues. Everyone lives tied to their overwhelming schedules, creating stressful days and hearts that lack peace. If we are not doing something, we feel shame and "deficient in some vital way as a human being." That is not how God created us to be. Let's see how the Word of God addresses anxiety and stress.

He makes me lie down in pastures. He leads me beside waters. (Psalm 23:2)
Cast your on the Lord, and he will you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved. (Psalm 55:22)
When the of my heart are many, your consolations my soul. (Psalm 94:19)
in a man's heart weighs him down, but a good word makes him glad. (Proverbs 12:25)
your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established (Proverbs 16:3)
YOU KEEP HIM IN PERFECT WHOSE MIND IS STAYED ON YOU, BECAUSE HE IN YOU.

ISAIAH 26:3

⁸ Scazzero, Healthy Leader, 151.

y	ou will drink, nor about your body	oout your life, what you will eat or what what you will put on. Is not life more
U	•	clothing?And which of you by being
(1)	can add a Matthew 6:25, 27)	single hour to his span of life?
9. Do	not be anxious about	, for tomorrow will be
<u></u>	for itself. Sulatthew 6:34)	ufficient for the day is its own trouble.
(IVI	attilew 0.34)	
10. Co	ome to me, all who labor and are	laden, and I will give
an		ny yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I ou will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is hew 11:28-30)
11. "L	et not your hearts be troubled	in God:
	also in me.	
		you; myI give to
-	u. Not as the world gives do I give ither let them be afraid. (John 14	e to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, 27)
13.	WHAT THEN SHA	ALL WE SAY TO
T	HESE THINGS? II	IS FOR US,
V	VHO CAN BE AG/	AINST US?
•	+ + ROMANS 8	31
	ejoice in, (Romans 1	be patient in tribulation, be constant in 2:12)

15.	Do not be	_about anything, but in everything by prayer
	and supplication with	let your requests be made
	known to God. And the	of God, which surpasses
	all understanding, will guard your (Philippians 4:6-7)	hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
16.	I can do all things through him whe (Philippians 4:13)	nome.
17.	Now may the Lord ofin every way. The Lord be with yo	himself give you peace at all times u all. (2 Thessalonians 3:16)
18.	For God gave us a spirit not of and self-control. (2 Timothy 1:7)	but of power and love
	and don dontrol. (2 milloury 1.17)	
19.	So then, there remains a Sabbath	for the people
		God'shas also
		from his. Let us therefore strive to enter
	that, so the disobedience. (Hebrews 4:9-11)	nat no one may fall by the same sort of
20.	. Keep your life free from love of _	, and be
	with what	you have, for he has said, "I will never leave
	you nor forsake you." (Hebrews 13	3:5)
•		sful situations. "Jesus did not prohibit genuine

Go concern about food or shelter, but He did teach that we should keep things in their proper perspective."9 Through walking with God, we are called to look at situations through His perfect peace and respond to them with joy rather than anxiety.

⁹ Chad Brand et al., eds., "Anxiety," Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary (Nashville, TN: Holman Bible Publishers, 2003), 78.

C. Depression and discouragement

God's people are not immune to depression and discouragement. "Many biblical characters show evidence of such behaviour which originates in a number of different ways."10 However, remaining in a pit of depression and discouragement is another issue. Knowing who God is as we walk with Him provides a pathway to help those who are depressed and discouraged by pointing them to Christ.

1.	IT IS THE	WH(O GOES
	BEFORE YOU. H	E WILL BE	MITH YOU!
	HE WILL NOT I	LEAVE YOU	OR FORSAKE
	YOU. DO NOT F	EAR OR BE	
	+ + + DEUTER	ONOMY 31:8	
2.	But you, O Lord, are a of my head. (Psalm 3:3)	about m	e, my glory, and the lifter
3.	The Lord is a (Psalm		d, a stronghold in times of
4.	Even though I walk through theno evil,me. (Ps	for you are with me; yo	death, I will ur rod and your staff, they
5.	You have turned for me my you have loosed my sackcloth a		

¹⁰ Martin H. Manser, *Dictionary of Bible Themes: The Accessible and Comprehensive Tool for Topical* Studies (London: Martin Manser, 2009).

6.	When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and	
	them out of all their troubles. The Lord is near to thesaves the crushed in spirit. (Psalm 34:17-18)	and
7.	Hethe brokenhearted and binds up their (Psalm 147:3)	
8.	But they who for the Lord shall renew their strength; shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they swalk and not (Isaiah 40:31)	
9.	Fear not, for I am with you; be not, for I am your God; I will you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. (Isaiah 41:10)	
10	you to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will go you Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find for you souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. (Matthew 11:28-30)	I
1.	I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU AS TO YOU.	n q
	+ + + JOHN 14:18	
12	In the world you will have But take heart; I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)	
13	Likewise the Spirit helps us in our For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself for with grounings too deep for words. (Romans 8:26)	ow or us

14. I am sure that neither dea	•	
	·	ght nor depth, nor anything
else in all creation, will be		
0	r God in Christ Jesus c	our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39)
15. Rejoice in	, be patient in	rtribulation, be constant in
. (Romans 12:12)	
16 May the Cod of	fill you	with all
		with all
and	in believing, so that	by the power of the Holy Spirit
you may abound in hope.	(Romans 15:13)	
17 Who	us in all our afflicti	on, so that we may be able to
		fliction, with the comfort with
	,	as we share abundantly in
	,	abundantly in comfort too. If we
•	•	; and if we are comforted, it is fo
your comfort, which you e	experience when you p	patiently
the same sufferings that	we suffer. (2 Corinthian	ns 1:4-6)
18. For	grief produces a	that leads
to salvation without regret		
(2 Corinthians 7:10)		
19. Then the Lord knows how	v to rescue the	from trials, and
to keep the	under punis	hment until the day of judgment.
(2 Peter 2:9)		

God is who He says He is, and He is the ultimate source who can liberate us from depression. When we lift our concerns and troubles to Him in our prayer with total dependence on Him, we will experience the supernatural work of God freeing us. He is the ultimate source of protection and provision. Let's continue to walk with Him in all situations where depression and discouragement are present, because in Christ all things are redeemed.

2. DECEPTIVE FEAR:

In most cases, fear is the biggest enemy of the flesh, and fear is a product of Satan's deception. People often react with fear to the unknown as the enemy whispers doubts. With Christ, we can face fear with faith and the truth of Scripture. As we walk with God, we are to distinguish between the gospel way of life from the fear or deception-based life. "The gospel is grounded in the complete truthfulness and trustworthiness of God, whereas sin is based upon self-deception."11 Rather than fear and its deceit, we are to live with faith in the truth of our Lord.

A. Worry and fear

In Scripture, God constantly says "do not fear." As we walk with Christ daily, we are to face the constant fear that rises in and out of us so we can defeat the enemies with God's power and wisdom. Let's see how Scripture helps us face and fight our worries and fear.

1. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be

	you you go. (Joshua 1:9)	ur God is with
2.	The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be? (Psalm 27:1)	?
<u>0</u>	I SOUGHT THE LORD, AND HE ANSWERED ME AND FROM ALL MY	ME
	+ + + PSALM 34:4	п

¹¹ Martin H. Manser, Dictionary of Bible Themes: The Accessible and Comprehensive Tool for Topical Studies (London: Martin Manser, 2009).

4.	Why are you cast down, 0 my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? in God; for I shall again praise him, my (Psalm 42:5)
5.	When I am afraid, I put my in you. (Psalm 56:3)
6.	The Lord is on my side; I will not What can man do to me? (Psalm 118:6)
7.	The fear of the leads to, and whoever has it rests satisfied; he will not be visited by harm. (Proverbs 19:23)
ш	THE FEAR OF MAN LAYS A BUT WHOEVER TRUSTS IN THE LORD IS • • • PROVERBS 29:25
9.	Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet I will in the Lord; I will take joy in the of my salvation. (Habakkuk 3:17-18)
10	. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take; it is I. Do not be afraid." (Matthew 14:27)
11	But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are and about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her." (Luke 10:41-42)

12.	. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's \emptyset	good pleasure to give you the
	(Luke 12:32)	
13.	. For you did not receive the spirit of	to fall back into
	by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" (Romans	The state of the s
14.	. And we know that for those who	
	together forfor tho purpose. (Romans 8:28)	se who are called according to his
15.	. Keep your life free from love of what you have, for he has said, "I will neve can confidently say, "The Lord is my helpel what can man do to me?" (Hebrews 13:5-6	r leave you nor forsake you." So wer; I will not;
	. But even if you should will be blessed. Have no (1 Peter 3:14)	

The biggest weapon to fight against worries and fear is knowing and trusting who God is. God is all sufficient and powerful to defeat worries and fear. As we walk with God, we are to strive to know Him more daily so we can be victorious over the daily battle against worry and fear.

B. Temptation and deception

Anyone can be tempted, but how they react to temptation matters most. People can be easily deceived and tempted, so we need to discern where the temptation comes from. Thomas À Kempis said, "We will always have temptation because we are sinners who lost our original innocence in the Garden.... The beginning of all evil temptations is an unstable mind and a small trust in God."12 In this section, we will learn how temptation and deception start, and how we should act and think toward ways of the enemy as we walk with the Lord.

¹² Richard J. Foster and James Bryan Smith, ed., Devotional Classics: Selected Readings for Individuals and Groups (NY: HarperCollins Publishers, 1993), 185.

1.	YOUR , PLOTS
	DESTRUCTION, LIKE A SHARP RAZOR,
	YOU WORKER OF
(• • • PSALM 52:2
2.	Whoever walks in walks securely, but he who makes his ways will be found out. (Proverbs 10:9)
3.	Lying are an abomination to the Lord, but those who act are his delight. (Proverbs 12:22)
4.	And the Lord said: "Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their, while their, while their, are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men, therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden." Ah, you who hide deep from the Lord your counsel, whose deeds are in the, and who say, "Who sees us? Who knows us?" (Isaiah 29:13-15)
5.	And lead us not into, but deliver us from (Matthew 6:13)
6.	Watch and pray that you may not enter into The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. (Matthew 26:41)
7.	And when he came to the place, he said to them, "that you may not enter into" (Luke 22:40)

8.	You are of your father	the	, and your will is to
	do your father's desire	s. He was a murderer from	the beginning, and
	does not stand in the t	ruth, because there is no tru	th in him. When he lies,
	·	character, for he is a	and
	the father of lies. (John 8	5:44)	
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9.		has overtaken you that is not let you be tempted beyon	
		o provide the way of escape, t	•
	it	•	, ,
10.	Do not be	: God is not mocked	for whatever one
		ap. For the one who sows to h	
		but the one who sows to the	·
	Spirit reap	life. (Galatians 6:7-8)
11	For hecause he himself h	as suffered when	he is able
		those who are being tempte	
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12.	Let no one say when he	s tempted, "I am being tempt	ed by
		for God cannot be	
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		in, and sin when it is fully gro	
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		YOURSELVES.	
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14	If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue	
	but his heart, this person's religion is	
	(James 1:26)	
15	s. Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but	_the spirits to
	see whether they are from God, for manyhave gone out into the world. (1 John 4:1)	prophets
16	6. And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent,	who is
	called the devil and Satan, the of the w	
	——————————————————————————————————————	nd his angels

Anyone can be tempted and deceived, however not everyone has to fall into temptation and deception. Through walking with God, we can learn to discern lies from truth and follow Jesus, who is the way, the truth and the life.



WHAT EMOTIONAL NEEDS WALKING WITH PROVIDES

God created humans in His image, and we are emotional beings. Emotions cannot be regarded separately from how we live. "In contrast to the Stoics, who viewed emotion as irrational, and Epicureans, who acquiesced to the inevitability of emotion, Jesus realistically faced the role of emotion in human life and provided guidelines to control negative and facilitate positive emotion."¹³ Jesus is our quide for handling emotions, and He can meet our emotional needs. Sometimes emotional needs can be bigger than physical needs. We are all vulnerable to emotional upheavals, and we need God's help in maintaining emotional health. In this section, we are going to learn how Scripture answers our deepest questions related to emotional health as we walk with Him.

1. DIVINE PRESENCE

One of the most significant promises God gives to His people is His presence with them. God promised His everlasting presence to Moses when he first met the Lord and He fulfilled that promise to Moses. God continually walked with His people in the wilderness in the Old Testament, and He fulfilled it by sending Jesus as the Immanuel "God with us" in the New Testament, After Jesus' death and resurrection, He sent His Spirit to reside inside of His people, the church. Divine presence is not wishful thinking but a profound fact, meaning that not only our emotions but our whole being can be secure as we walk with Him.

A. Courage and encouragement

God provides courage to His people. As we looked at in the previous section, fear is one of the biggest enemies of all time. We need courage. But not from the world, but by the Word of God — He provides courage to us.

¹³ W. P. Wilson, "Emotion," ed. David G. Benner and Peter C. Hill, Baker Encyclopedia of Psychology & Counseling, Baker Reference Library (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 1999), 395.

1. I have set the	always before me; because he is at my
right hand, I shall not be	(Psalm 16:8)
2. The Lord is my light and my salvat	ion; whom shall I? The
Lord is the(Psalm 27:1)	_of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
3 for the Lo	ord; be strong, and let your heart take the Lord! (Psalm 27:14)
4. Be strong, and let your heart takefor the Lo	
5. God is our help in trouble. (Psalm 46:1)	and, a very present
6. But overhearing what they said, J not fear, only	esus said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do " (Mark 5:36)
before W	pennies? And not one of them is forgotten /hy, even the hairs of your head are all _not; you are of more value than many
	er days was written for our instruction, that
Scriptures we might have hope. (I	and through the of the
ochipiares we might have hope. (I	iomano 10.4)

9.	BE WATCHFUL,	STAND	FIRM	IN THE
		_ ACT	LIKE	MEN.
	BE			
		THIANS	16:13	

10.	Therefore	one another and	
	one another up	o, just as you are doing. (1 Thessalonians 5:11)	
	-	unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for for refuge might have strong	
		set before us. (Hebrews 6:18)	to floid las
12.	And let us con	sider how to stir up one another to love and good	works, not
	neglecting to _	together, as is the habit of s	some, but
		one another, and all the more as you see	the Day
	drawing near. ((Hebrews 10:24-25)	

Even when we are in desperate situations, when the whole world is going through turmoil, we, as followers of Christ, do not have to be in despair. God gives us courage to live each day, and He enables us to live with joy and peace. Therefore, we are to encourage one another all the more even when the world loses its courage."

B. Friendship and relationship

God never created us to be alone. "God created people to be in relationship with himself and with one another in friendship, marriage, family, society and the church."14 Our relationship with God should be reflected in relationships with one another. As we get closer to God in our daily walk with Him, we are to have healthy and biblical relationships with one another as well.

¹⁴ Martin H. Manser, *Dictionary of Bible Themes: The Accessible and Comprehensive Tool for Topical* Studies (London: Martin Manser, 2009).

1.	I hen the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be fit for him."
	(Genesis 2:18)
2.	Therefore a man shall his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one (Genesis 2:24)
3.	A man of many may come to ruin, but there is a who sticks closer than a brother. (Proverbs 18:24)
4.	Make no with a man given to anger, nor go with a wrathful man, lest you learn his ways and entangle yourself in a (Proverbs 22:24-25)
5.	Oil and perfume make the heart glad, and the sweetness of acomes from hiscounsel. (Proverbs 27:9)
	IRON SHARPENS IRON, AND ONE MAN ANOTHER. + * PROVERBS 27:17
7.	are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. (Ecclesiastes 4:9)
8.	For where two or three are in my name, there am I among them. (Matthew 18:20)

9.	Greater love has no one than this	, that someone la	ay down his life for	his
	You are	my	if you do	0
	what I command you. No longer of	do I call you		, for
	the servant does not know what I			
	, for all the	at I have heard fr	om my Father I ha	ve made
	known to you. (John 15:13-15)			
10.	. Therefore	_one another an	d	
	one another up, just as you are d	loing. (1 Thessalo	onians 5:11)	
11.	And the Scripture was fulfilled that	at says, "Abrahar	n believed God, an	d it
	was counted to him as		-and he was called	la
	of God. (James 2:23)		
12.	You adulterous people! Do you no	ot know that		_with the
	world is enmity with God? Theref			
	makes himself an			
			,	
13.	. Above all, keep	one anoth	ner earnestly, since	!
	covers a	multitude of sins.	. (1 Peter 4:8)	
14.	Beloved, let us	one anoth	er, for	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	is from God, and whoever		has been born of	God and
	knows God. (1 John 4:7)			

Love is from God, and love is the key to being in relationship with God and with people. We are to grow in knowing and living out the love of Christ as we walk with God.

2. DIVINE DELIGHT

God created us to praise Him and to rejoice in Him. In other words, we are not created to be sad and gloomy all the time. God is the source of true delight. "Intimate acquaintance with the word of the LORD produces a careful walk and delightful enjoyment."15 In the world, there are lots of things which could bring us down with stress and sadness. However, as we walk with God, we can rejoice in Him. Rather than the entertainment that the world provides, we are to learn to rejoice in the One who created true joy.

A. Forgiveness and compassion

1. Yet he, being ___

True joy stems from understanding the gospel of Christ. The pinnacle of the gospel message is the death and resurrection of Jesus — who forgives our sins and justifies us before God. This true forgiveness is available because of what He has done on the cross, which we can rejoice in. We can "find hope, joy, and reverence for God as he forgives and helps [us]."16

destroy them: he restrained his anger often and did not stir up all his

_____, atoned for their iniquity and did not

(Psalm 78:38)	
2. But you, O Lord, are a God merciful andand abounding in steadfast love and	
3. AS A FATHER SHOWS TO HIS CHILDREN, SO THE L SHOWS COMPASSION TO TH	
WHO HIM. + + + PSALM 103:13	

¹⁵ James H. Waltner, *Psalms*, Believers Church Bible Commentary (Scottdale, PA; Waterloo, ON: Herald Press, 2006), 583.

¹⁶ Thomas D. Lea, *Hebrews, James*, vol. 10, Holman New Testament Commentary (Nashville, TN: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1999), 158.

4.	Come now, let us reason together, says the Lore	d: though your sins are like
	scarlet, they shall be as	as snow; though they are
	red like crimson, they shall become like	
5.	Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighte	eous man his thoughts; let
	him return to the Lord, that he may have	on him, and
	to our God, for he will abundantly	(Isaiah 55:7)
6.	To the Lord our God belong	and
	, for we have rebelled ac	gainst him. (Daniel 9:9)
7.	For if you others their tro	espasses, your heavenly
	Father will alsoyou. (Ma	atthew 6:14)
8.	When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, ar	
	on them, because they	•
	Mark 6:34). And he began to teach	them many things.
9.	Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, a	re
	—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven li	ttle,
	little. (Luke 7:47)	
10	. And Peter said to them, "	_and be baptized every one
	of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the	
	sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Sp	irit." (Acts 2:38)

11.	THERE IS THEREFORE NOW NO
	FOR THOSE
	WHO ARE CHRIST JESUS.
	* * * ROMANS 8:1
12.	Repay no one evil for, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. (Romans 12:17)
13.	Bear one another's, and so
	the law of Christ. (Galatians 6:2)
14.	Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, one another,
	as God in Christyou. (Ephesians 4:32)
15.	Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,
	hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,
	bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord hasyou, so you
	also must forgive. (Colossians 3:12-13)
We a	re called to be compassionate to one another and forgive one another in

His love because of what Christ has done on the cross in His compassion and forgiveness for us. In walking with God, we will learn to be compassionate and to forgive others as He did for us — this is one of the greatest joys of the Christian life.

FORGIVE IN THIS WAY

FREE yourself from prejudices.

OBSERVE based on fact, not feeling.

REPENT of your sins first.

GIVE time to pray for the person who offended you.

INITIATE forgiveness to the person.

VALUE the person as Christ values him or her.

ENCOURAGE the person to forgive others likewise.

B. Happiness and joy

It is OK to be joyful as followers of Christ because true joy comes from the Lord. Walking with God is a calling to happiness and joy which can be found only in Christ Jesus alone. Look at how Augustine confessed about happiness: "And this is the happy life, to rejoice to Thee, of Thee, for Thee; this is it, and there is no other. For they who think there is another, pursue some other and not the true joy." 17

1.	Therefore my heart is _	, and my whole being
		_; my flesh also dwells secure. (Psalm 16:9)
2.	Delight yourself in the	, and he will give you the
		of your heart. (Psalm 37:4)

	OH, TASTE AND SEE THAT THE LORI	
	IS ! BLESSED IS THE M	AN
	WHO TAKES IN HIM	/
	+ + + PSALM 34:8	
4. l	to do your will, O my God; your law is within my (Psalm 40:8)	
5. 1	This is the day that the Lord has made; let us and b in it. (Psalm 118:24)	е
6. <i>F</i>	A glad heart makes a face, but by of heart the spirit is crushed. (Proverbs 15:13)	
7. \	Withyou will draw water from the wells of (Isaiah 12:3)	
	As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my, just	t
	as I have kept my Father's and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that you may be full. (John 15:0.11)	r
	may be full. (John 15:9-11)	
9. S	So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will	from
	you. (John 16:22)	. 5111

10. Until now you have asked no	thing in my name.	, and
you will receive, that your joy	may be	(John 16:24)
11. Through him we have also obstand, and we of God. (Romans 5:2)	-	•
12. But the fruit of the peace, patience, kindness, go against such things there is r	oodness, faithfulness, gent	leness, self-control;
13. Rejoice in the (Phil		rill say,
14. Is anyone among you sufferin	, ,	
15. But rejoice insofar as you sha alsoa (1 Peter 4:13)		

Joy is not an option but rather a command from God. Yes, we are to rejoice in Him even in the midst of all the turmoil going on around us. Jesus is the only true source of joy, and we must benefit from Him each day as we walk with Him. Short-lived joy of the world leads us only to despair, but eternal joy of the Lord leads us to overflowing satisfaction of our mind and soul.

REJOICE IN THIS WAY

REMEMBER what Christ has done.

EXALT the name of Christ who is the true source of joy.

J O IN others who are worshipping the Lord.

OPEN your heart to rejoice from the bottom of your heart.

INVITE others to join in your joy.

CRAVE for joy in the Lord every day.

EXPAND this joy through sharing Christ.

C. Peace and mercy

God is merciful, and He provides peace as we walk with Him. "Through faith in him, we have peace with God, peace with our brother, and peace in ourselves."18 People of God have the privilege to have access to the peace only God can provide for His children.

1.	Surely	and	shall follow me all the
	days of n	ny life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for	orever.
	(Psalm 2	3:6)	

¹⁸ H. D. M. Spence-Jones, ed., *1 Timothy*, The Pulpit Commentary (London; New York: Funk & Wagnalls Company, 1909), 43.

2. YOU KEEP HIM IN PERFECT WHOSE MIND IS STAYED ON YOU, BECAUSE HE _____ IN YOU.

• • • ISAIAH 26:3

3.	Blessed are the, for they shall receive
	(Matthew 5:7)
4.	Go and learn what this means: "I desire, and not
	" For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.
	(Matthew 9:13)
5.	Peace I leave with you; my I give to you. Not as the
	gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled,
	neither let them be afraid. (John 14:27)
6.	I have said these things to you, that in me you may have
	In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have
	the world." (John 16:33)
7	For to set the mind on the is death, but to set the mind
	on the is life and peace. (Romans 8:6)
8.	For God is not a God of confusion but of As in all the
	churches of the saints (1 Corinthians 14:33)
Ω	And the of God, which surpasses all understanding,
٥.	will
	brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is
	pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if
	there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. (Philippians 4:7-8)

10.	AND LET THE PEACE OF		
	RULE IN YOUR HEARTS, TO	WHICH	
	INDEED YOU WERE CALLED	IN ONE	
	BODY. AND BE	п	

COLOSSIANS 3:15

without which no one will see the Lord. (Hebrews 12:14)

11. Let us then with _____ draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive _____ and find grace to help in time of need. (Hebrews 4:16) 12. Strive for _____ with everyone, and for the _____

13. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of . For judgement is without _____ to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over (James 2:12-13)

14. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great _____, he has caused us to be born again to a hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, (1 Peter 1:3)

God is merciful and compassionate to forgive our sins. He is our true peace. We are to recognize our sins and repent of them before the Lord. Our daily walk with God involves our daily repentance to become more like Him and to reflect His holiness in our lives. We are to share the gospel verbally, but the aspect of living a holy life by walking in His ways, is a non-verbal witness of the gospel. In all circumstances, the joy of Christ will lead and guide us to be able to rejoice, and it will be contagious to others, as well.

HOW WALKING WITH GOD EQUIPS US FOR LIFE AND MINISTRY

There are three major parts in this last section in regard to how walking with God equips the church for life and ministry: true power, true wisdom and true motivation. Walking with God is not an abstract idea or perception. It is a practical activity a follower of Christ should implement each day of his or her life and ministry. God equips His church through walking closely with Him.

1. TRUE POWER

The world is a power hungry place. One way hunger for power comes into fruition is with the love of money. For many people, money equals power. However, the true source of power is in God alone. "Christians [including all humanity] are never powerful in themselves but are only vessels in which God's power is exhibited." Through walking with God, we are to depend on God who has ultimate and true power.

A. Power and strength

1.	My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the		of my
	heart and my	forever. (Psalm 73:26)	
2.	When I thought, "My foot slips," me up. (Psalm 94:18)	your	love, O Lord, held
3.	He givesincreases	to the faint, and to him who (Isaiah 40:29)	has no might he

¹⁹ R. Kent Hughes, *2 Corinthians: Power in Weakness*, Preaching the Word (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 2006), 90.

4.	For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the	of God
	forto everyone who believes, to	the Jew first and also to
	the Greek. (Romans 1:16))	
5.	That your faith might not rest in the	of men but in the
	of God. (1 Corinthians 2:5)	
6.	For the kingdom of God does not consist in	but in
	(1 Corinthians 4:20)	
7.	AND GOD RAISED THE	
	AND WILL ALSO RAISE US	UP BY HIS
	• • • 1 CORINTHIANS 6:14	
8.	For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with	, insults,
	hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am	weak, then I am
	(2 Corinthians 12:10)	
9.	Now to him who is able to do far more	
	we ask or think, according to the	_at work within us,
	(Ephesians 3:20)	
10	. I can do all things through him who	me
10	(Philippians 4:13)	
11	. May you be strengthened with all	_, according to his
	glorious, for all endurance and p	
	(Colossians 1:11)	

12. For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of	and love and
(2 Timothy 1:7)	
13. Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet	
of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produce	es
(James 1:2-3)	
14. Whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever ser	
who serves by thethat God supplies—in o	order that in
everything may be glorified through Jesus	Christ. To him
belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. (1 Peter 4:11)	
15. His divine has granted to us all things that	
and godliness, through theof him who cal	led us to his
own glory and excellence. (2 Peter 1:3)	
True power belongs to the Lord God because He raised Jesus from the the power of sin. Therefore walking with God is receiving power from the to live for Him and serve in His kingdom.	
B. Self-control and discipline	
Spiritual discipline is essential to our life. Donald S. Whitney said, "The sidisciplines are the God-ordained means by which we bring ourselves be experience Him and are changed into Christlikeness." We are to grow it walking with Him. Spiritual discipline is a necessary step toward holiness	fore God, n Him by
Whoever lovesloves knowledge, but he who reproof is stupid. (Proverbs 12:1)	no hates
2. Whoever spares the hates his son, but he is diligent to him. (Proverbs 13:24)	who loves him

²⁰ Donald S. Whitney, *Ten questions to diagnose your spiritual health* (Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 2001), 92-3.

3.	A man without is like a city broken into and left without walls. (Proverbs 25:28)
4.	For if you live according to theyou will die, but if by theyou put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. (Romans 8:13)
5.	But I my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be (1 Corinthians 9:27)
6.	No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to it. (1 Corinthians 10:13)
7.	But the fruit of the is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness,; against such things there is no law. (Galatians 5:22-23)
	AND DO NOT GET DRUNK WITH WINE, FOR THAT IS DEBAUCHERY, BUT BE WITH THE • • • EPHESIANS 5:18
9.	Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any, if there is anything worthy of, think about these things. (Philippians 4:8)

FROM EVERY FORM OF THESSALONIANS 5:22

	a spirit not of fear but of (2 Timothy 1:7)	power and love and
12. But hospitable, a		, upright, holy, and
=		godliness and worldly passions, ht, and godly lives in the present age,
	the peaceful fruit of	seems painful rather than pleasant,
		Your adversary the devil prowls around (1 Peter 5:8)

We need to recognize the spiritual warfare in and around us. We are not immune to the constant spiritual attacks that distract us from our relationship with God. We need to discipline our body and mind to obey the Lord at all costs. It may be the most difficult thing to do, but when it is done, we will experience tremendous blessings from the Lord.

2. TRUE WISDOM

God is not only powerful but also wise. True wisdom comes from Him, and it is different from worldly wisdom. "The wisdom that is not from above brings disorder, but the wisdom that is from above makes peace."21 As we walk with God, we can receive heavenly wisdom and live an orderly life.

²¹ I-Jin Loh and Howard Hatton, A Handbook on the Letter from James, UBS Handbook Series (New York: United Bible Societies, 1997), 120.

A. Faithfulness and reliability

"God desires truth and wisdom, that is, reliable and productive living." 22 Unlike the crafty wisdom of the world, the wisdom of God demands reliability because God Himself is reliable. God is faithful, and His people must live faithfully to reflect who He is. In this section, we will learn how Scripture talks about God's faithfulness and how we should live as we walk with Him.

1.	He will not let your foot be (Psalm 121:3)	; he who keeps you will not	
2.	So shall my word be that goes out from empty, but it shall and shall succeed in the thing for which	that which I	
9.	THE LOVINEVER CEASES; HIS COME TO AN END;	MERCIES NEVER	
	EVERY MORNING; G* * LAMENTATIO		
4.	His master said to him, 'Well done, good You have been faithful over a little; I will of your master.'	set you over much. Enter into the	

²² Allen P. Ross, "Psalms," in The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures, ed. J. F. Walvoord and R. B. Zuck, vol. 1 (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1985), 832.

5.	One who is faithful in a very little is also	in much, and
	one who is dishonest in a very little is also	in much.
	(Luke 16:10)	
0	Management is in many included of	- faad
О.	Moreover, it is required of that they be	
	But with me it is a very small thing the	
	judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even ju	ıdge myself. For l
	am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby	y acquitted. It is the
	Lord who judges me. (1 Corinthians 4:2-4)	
7.	But the is faithful. He will	you
	and guard you against the evil one. (2 Thessalonians 3:3)	-
8.	And what you have heard from me in the presence of many w	vitnesses
	entrust to men, who will be able to te	ach others
	(2 Timothy 2:2)	
9.	If we are, he remains	for he
	cannot deny himself. (2 Timothy 2:13))	
10	. Let us hold fast the confession of our	_without wavering,
	for he who promised is (Hebrews 10	:23)
11.	. Jesus Christ is theyesterday and tod	av and forever.
	(Hebrews 13:8)	,
12	. If we confess our sins, he isand	
	to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousn	

God is faithful, and His Word is reliable. We are standing on firm ground if we stand on His Word. True wisdom is to live on this solid ground and to reflect God's faithfulness throughout our lives.

B. PATIENCE AND PERSEVERANCE

Walking with God involves patience. It is a marathon not a sprint. God shapes and molds our character throughout our journey with Him. In this section, we will learn what Scripture says about patience and how God shapes us through perseverance.

1.	Better is the end of a thing than its beginning, and thein
	spirit is better than the in spirit. (Ecclesiastes 7:8)
2.	Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces
	, and endurance produces, and
	character produces, (Romans 5:3-4)
	BUT IF WE FOR WHAT
	WE DO NOT SEE, WE WAIT FOR IT
	WITH
	+ + + ROMANS 8:25
4.	Rejoice in hope, be patient in, be constant in
	(Romans 12:12)
5.	Love is and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not
	(1 Corinthians 13:4)
6.	But the fruit of the is love, joy, peace,
	, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, (Galatians 5:22)
	And let us not grow weary of doing, for in due season we will if we do not give up. (Galatians 6:9)

0.	WITH ALL HUMILITY AND GENTLENESS
	WITH BEARING WITH
	ONE ANOTHER IN
•	◆ ◆ EPHESIANS 4:2
9.	Put on then, as God's chosen ones, and
	beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and, (Colossians 3:12)
10	And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle,the
	fainthearted, help the weak, bewith them all. (1 Thessalonians 5:14)
11.	But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect as an example to those who
	were to in him for eternal life. (1 Timothy 1:16)
12	Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the of your faith produces
	And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete
	lacking in nothing. (James 1:2-4)
13	Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to
	, slow to; for the anger of man
	does not produce the righteousness of God. (James 1:19-20)

14	. Be	, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord.
		waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient
		ives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient.
		your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.
	(James 5:7-8)	
4.5	The Lend's wet	to fulfill blooming to a company
15		to fulfill his promise as some count
		toward you, not wishing that any should
	perish, but that all s	hould reach repentance. (2 Peter 3:9)
•	•	? Because God has been patient with us first. So we are ne another in all circumstances.
C. Kı	nowledge and wisdo	om
to the	e level of God's wisdo	om and knowledge. Human knowledge cannot mount up om. In this finite world, walking with God provides infinite an give us daily power and strength to live wisely.
1	So teach us to	our days that we may get a heart of
		(Psalm 90:12)
0	The	of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge.
۷.		of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge;
		despise wisdom and instruction. (Proverbs 1:7)
3.	For the	gives wisdom; from his mouth come
		and understanding; (Proverbs 2:6)
1	for	will come into your heart, and
4.		
	wiii be pieasant to y	our soul; (Proverbs 2:10)
5.	Be not	in your own eyes;the
	Lord, and turn away	from evil. (Proverbs 3:7)

6.	FOR THE EARTH WILL BE FILLED
	WITH THEOF THE
	OF THE LORD AS
	THE WATERS COVER THE SEA.
	+ + + HABAKKUK 2:14
7.	Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your, that by testing you may discern what is the of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.
	(Romans 12:2)
8.	but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the of God and the of God.
	(1 Corinthians 1:24)
9.	Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." This "" puffs up, but
	builds up. If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. But if anyone God, he is known by God. (1 Corinthians 8:1-3)
10	Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as, making the best use of the time, because the days are Therefore do not be but understand what the will of the Lord is. (Ephesians 5:15-17)
11.	Let the of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. (Colossians 3:16)

12	. If any of you lacks	, let him ask God, who gives
		to all without reproach, and it will be given him.
	(James 1:5)	
13	. But the wisdom from ₋	is first,
	then peaceable, gentle and sincere. (James 3	, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial 17)
	3. TRUE MOTIVATION	
	is not right, we are not	n if we do great things on the outside, if the motivation doing the right thing. God sees the inside as well as the nine what is inside our hearts and repent from our sins on a with God daily.
A. Pr	ide and humility	
of the	e character of God." ²³ G	e [humility] springs from the fact that it is found as part od is great and mighty, yet He is humble. God hates the cept the grace of God to begin with, therefore walking with as He is.
1.		comes, then comes disgrace, but with theis wisdom. (Proverbs 11:2)
2.		called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would, he must be of all and :35)
3.	He must increase, but	must (John 3:30)
4.	-	ne another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the Never be wise in your own sight. (Romans 12:16)

²³ F. S. Fitzsimmonds, "Humility," ed. D. R. W. Wood et al., New Bible Dictionary (Leicester, England; Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1996), 491. Chambers Publications; Marshall Pickering, 1986).

5.	For it anyone thinks he is, when he is nothing, he
	himself. (Galatians 6:3)
6.	Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but incount
	others more than yourselves. (Philippians 2:3)
7.	Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who,
	though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing
	to be grasped, buthimself, by taking the form of a
	, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in
	human form, hehimself by becoming obedient to the
	point of death, even death on a cross. (Philippians 2:5-8)
8	Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good
0.	let him show his works in the of wisdom. (James 3:13)
9.	yourselves before the Lord, and he will
	you. (James 4:10)
10	. Finally, all of you, have of mind, sympathy, brotherly love
	a tender heart, and a mind. (1 Peter 3:8)
11	. Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all
	of you, withtoward one another, for "God opposes the
	but gives grace to the humble." (1 Peter 5:5)
12	. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes
	andin possessions—is not from the Father but is from
	the (1 John 2:16)

Our hearts are shaped to reflect humility as we walk with a humble God. The more we know Christ, the more we will learn how much He humbled Himself to save us. As we continue to walk with Him, let our humbleness spring up, serve others and impact them to be humble as well.

B. Purpose and motives

In walking with God, He sets the purpose and directs His people. We do not know what the future holds, but God does, so it is best to depend on Him and follow His lead. Rather than the approval of man, we are called to seek God's approval for a fruitful life. "This stresses that it is within the heart that plans are made. Only those plans that are approved by God will succeed."24

1.	But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his or on
	the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as
	man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the
	" (1 Samuel 16:7)
2.	EVERY WAY OF A MAN IS
	IN HIS OWN EYES, BUT THE LORD
	WEIGHS THE
	PROVERBS 21:2
3.	For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for and not for evil, to give you a future and a (Jeremiah 29:11)
4.	By this my Father is, that you bear much fruit and so to be my disciples. (John 15:8)

²⁴ Biblical Studies Press, *The NET Bible First Edition Notes* (Biblical Studies Press, 2006), Pr 16:9.

5.	But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to to the gospel of the grace of God. (Acts 20:24)		
	SO, WHETHER YOU EAT OR DRINK, OR YOU DO, DO ALL TO THE OF GOD. • • 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31		
7.	7. For am I now seeking the of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a of Christ. (Galatians 1:10)		
8.	but just as we have been by God to be entrusted with the, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who our hearts. (1 Thessalonians 2:4)		
9.	For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good		
10.	Not by the way of eye-service, as, but as servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the (Ephesians 6:6)		
11.	Do nothing from selfish or conceit, but in count others more significant than yourselves. (Philippians 2:3)		

12	. The	of our charge is	that
	issues from a pure hea (1 Timothy 1:5)	rt and a good conscience and a sincere fai	th.
13. who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our but because of his own			· · · · · ·
	and	, which he gave us in Christ Jesus bet	ore the ages
	began (2 Timothy 1:9)		
appe	_	art, whereas people can see only our outwa amined by God as we walk with Him, so we	
C. In	tegrity and trust		
heart	0	in integrity of heart. What we believe in our ons. The world will see how we walk more	
1.	Whoever walks in	walks	
		ways crooked will be found out. (Proverbs	
2.		is a poor man who walks in his	
		than a rich man who is crooked in his way	/S.
	(Proverbs 28:6)		
3.	the Lord. He is like a trestream, and does not _ remain green, and is not	in the Lord, whose ee planted by water, that sends out its roots when heat comes, for anxious in the year of drought, for it does fruit. (Jeremiah 17:7-8)	s by the for its leaves
4.		would do to you, do to them. (Luke 6:31)	

5.	for we aim at what is	not only in the Lord's sight but
	also in the sight of	
6.	Whatever you do, work	, as for the Lord and not for
	men, knowing that from the Lord you	will receive the
	as your reward. You are serving the Lo	ord Christ. (Colossians 3:23-24)
7	And my Cod will	overy peed of yours according to his
1.	And my God will in Ch	
	riches inin Ch	rist Jesus. (Philippians 4:19)
8.	Pray for us, for we are sure that we ha	ve a clear,
	desiring to act	
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9.	So whoever knows the	thing to do and fails to do it, fo
	him it is (Jam	nes 4:17)
10	. Keep your conduct among the Gentile	s, so that when
	they speak against you as evildoers, the	ney may see your good deeds and
	God on the da	y of visitation. (1 Peter 2:12)
11	Having a good	so that when you are slandered
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	, ,	may be put to
	shame. (1 Peter 3:16)	
12.	. And this is the	that we have toward him, that if we
		us. (1 John 5:14)
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God calls us to walk with Him daily so that we can have integrity in our hearts and serve Him with joyful devotion. Let's continue to walk with Him and reflect His glory in our lives for leading others to Him for His glory!



WALKING — WITH — GOD

SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

WHAT HEART ISSUES WALKING WITH GOD DEALS WITH * * *

1. INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL CONFLICTS

A) Anger and conflict

- 1. Psalm 37:8 Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath! Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil.
- 2. Proverbs 14:29 Whoever is slow to anger has great understanding, but he who has a hasty temper exalts folly.
- 3. Proverbs 15:1 A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.
- 4. Matthew 5:22 But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire.
- 5. Romans 12:17 Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.
- 6. Ephesians 4:26-27 Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and give no opportunity to the devil.
- 7. James 4:1-2 What causes guarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ²You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and guarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask.

B) Anxiety and stress

1. Psalm 55:22 – Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

- 2. Proverbs 16:3 Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.
- 3. Matthew 6:25-27 Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?
- 4. John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.
- 5. Philippians 4:6-7 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
- 6. Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.
- 7. 2 Timothy 1:7 for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

C) Depression and discouragement

- 1. Deuteronomy 31:8 It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."
- 2. Psalm 34:18 —The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.
- 3. Isaiah 41:10 fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.
- 4. Isaiah 45:3 I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
- 5. John 16:33 I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.
- 6. Romans 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

7. 2 Corinthians 12:9 – But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

2. DECEPTIVE FEAR

A) Worry and fear

- 1. Joshua 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."
- 2. Psalm 42:5 Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation
- 3. Psalm 56:3 When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.
- 4. Habakkuk 3:17-18 Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, 18 yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.
- 5. Luke 10:41-42 But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, 42 but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."
- 6. Romans 8:28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.
- 7. 1 Peter 5:6-7 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, 7 casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

B) Temptation and deception

- 1. Proverbs 12:22 Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, but those who act faithfully are his delight.
- 2. Matthew 26:41 Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."
- 3. John 8:44 You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

- 4. 1 Corinthians 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.
- 5. Hebrews 2:18 For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.
- 6. James 1:13-15 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.
- 7. 1 John 4:1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.

WHAT EMOTIONAL NEEDS WALKING WITH GOD PROVIDES * * *

1. DIVINE PRESENCE

A) Courage and encouragement

- 1. Psalm 16:8 I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.
- 2. Psalm 27:14 Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!
- 3. Psalm 46:1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
- 4. Luke 12:6-7 Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. 7Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows.
- 5. 1 Corinthians 16:13 Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.
- 6. Hebrews 10:24-25 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.
- 7. 1 Peter 5:6-7 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

B) Friendship and relationship

1. Genesis 2:18 – Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."

- 2. Proverbs 27:17 Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.
- 3. John 15:13-15 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.
- 4. 1 Corinthians 7:9 But if they cannot exercise self-control, they should marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion.
- 5. 1 Thessalonians 3:11 Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you
- 6. 1 Peter 4:8 Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.
- 7. 1 John 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.

2. DIVINE DELIGHT

A) Forgiveness and Compassion

- 1. Psalm 78:38 Yet he, being compassionate, atoned for their iniquity and did not destroy them; he restrained his anger often and did not stir up all his wrath.
- 2. Mark 6:34 When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things.
- 3. Luke 7:47 Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little."
- 4. Romans 12:16-18 Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. 18 lf possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.
- 5. Galatians 6:2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.
- 6. Ephesians 4:32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

7. Colossians 3:12-13 – Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

B) Happiness and joy

- 1. Psalm 16:9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.
- 2. Psalm 37:4 Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.
- 3. Psalm 118:24 This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- 4. Proverbs 15:13 A glad heart makes a cheerful face, but by sorrow of heart the spirit is crushed.
- 5. John 15:9-11 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. 11These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.
- 6. Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.
- 7. Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.

C) Peace and mercy

- 1. Matthew 5:7 Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
- 2. Matthew 9:13 Go and learn what this means: "I desire mercy, and not sacrifice." For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."
- 3. John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

- 4. Philippians 4:7-8 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.
- 5. Hebrews 4:16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
- 6. James 2:12-13 So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.
- 7. 1 Peter 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead

HOW WALKING WITH EQUIPS US FOR LIFE AND MINISTRY • • •

1. TRUE POWER

A) Power and strength

- 1. Psalm 73:26 My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.
- 2. Psalm 94:18 When I thought, "My foot slips," your steadfast love, O Lord, held me up.
- 3. Isaiah 40:29 He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength.

- 4. 1 Corinthians 4:20 For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power.
- 5. 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.
- 6. James 1:2-3 Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³ for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.
- 7. 1 Peter 4:11 whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

B) Self-control and discipline

- 1. Proverbs 12:1 Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is stupid.
- 2. Proverbs 13:24 Whoever spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him.
- 3. Proverbs 25:28 A man without self-control is like a city broken into and left without walls.
- 4. 1 Corinthians 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.
- 5. Philippians 4:8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.
- 6. Hebrews 12:11 For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.
- 7. 1 Peter 5:8 Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

1. TRUE WISDOM

A) Faithfulness and reliability

- 1. Psalm 121:3 He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
- 2. Lamentations 3:22-23 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; ²³they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
- 3. Matthew 25:21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'
- 4. Luke 16:10 One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much.
- 5. 2 Timothy 2:2 and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.
- 6. 2 Timothy 2:13 if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.
- 7. Hebrews 10:23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

B) Patience and perseverance

- 1. Ecclesiastes 7:8 Better is the end of a thing than its beginning, and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.
- 2. Romans 5:3-5 Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.
- 3. Romans 8:25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.
- 4. James 1:2-4 Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³ for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

- 5. James 1:19-20 Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰ for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.
- 6. James 5:7-8 Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.
- 7. 2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

C) Knowledge and wisdom

- 1. Psalm 90:12 So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.
- 2. Proverbs 2:10 for wisdom will come into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul;
- 3. Habakkuk 2:14 For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.
- 4. Romans 12:2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.
- 5. 1 Corinthians 1:24-25 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.
- 6. 1 Corinthians 8:1-3 Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." This "knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up. 2lf anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.
- 7. James 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

1. TRUE MOTIVATION

A) Pride and humility

- 1. Proverbs 11:2 When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with the humble is wisdom.
- 2. Mark 9:35 And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all."
- 3. Romans 12:16 Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.
- 4. Galatians 6:3 For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.
- 5. Philippians 2:3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.
- 6. Philippians 2:5-8 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
- 7. James 3:13 Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom.

B) Purpose and motives

- 1. Proverbs 21:2 Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the heart.
- 2. John 15:8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.
- 3. Acts 20:24 But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.
- 4. Galatians 1:10 For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.

- 5. Philippians 2:3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.
- 6. 1 Thessalonians 2:4 but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts.
- 7. 2 Timothy 1:9 who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began

C) Integrity and trust

- 1. Proverbs 10:9 Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but he who makes his ways crooked will be found out.
- 2. Proverbs 28:6 Better is a poor man who walks in his integrity than a rich man who is crooked in his ways.
- 3. Jeremiah 17:7-8 Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. ⁸He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit."
- 4. 2 Corinthians 8:21 for we aim at what is honorable not only in the Lord's sight but also in the sight of man.
- 5. Colossians 3:23-24 Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, ²⁴knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.
- 6. Philippians 4:19 And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
- 7. 1 John 5:14 And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.
- 8. John 15:16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.

WALKING WITH GOD

ANSWER KEY

1. WHAT HEART ISSUES WALKING WITH GOD **DEALS WITH**

1. INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL **CONFLICTS**

A. Anger and conflict

- sin (Psalm 4:4)
- 2. anger (Psalm 37:8)
- 3. temper (Proverbs 14:17)
- 4. slow, folly (Proverbs 14:29)
- 5. wrath, harsh (Proverbs 15:1)
- quick, fools (Ecclesiastes 7:9) 6.
- judgment, insults, hell (Matthew 5:22)
- 8. honorable, peaceably (Romans 12:17-18)
- 9. wrath, vengeance (Romans 12:19)
- 10. fits of anger, kingdom (Galatians 5:19-21)
- 11. sin, devil (Ephesians 4:26-27)
- 12. bitterness, anger (Ephesians 4:31)
- 13. passions, ask (James 4:1-2)

B. Anxiety and stress

- 1. silent (Exodus 14:14)
- 2. green, still (Psalm 23:2)
- burden, sustain (Psalm 55:22) 3.
- cares, cheer (Psalm 94:19) 4.
- 5. Anxiety (Proverbs 12:25)
- Commit (Proverbs 16:3) 6.
- 7. peace, trusts (Isaiah 26:3)
- 8. anxious, anxious (Matthew 6:25-27)
- 9. tomorrow, anxious (Matthew 6:34)
- 10. heavy, rest (Matthew 11:28-30)
- 11. Believe, believe (John 14:1)

- 12. Peace, peace (John 14:27)
- 13. God (Romans 8:31)
- 14. hope, prayer (Romans 12:12)
- 15. anxious, thanksgiving, peace (Philippians 4:6-7)
- 16. strengthens (Philippians 4:13)
- 17. peace (2 Thessalonians 3:16)
- 18. fear (2 Timothy 1:7)
- 19. rest, rest, rest (Hebrews 4:9-11)
- 20. money, content (Hebrews 13:5)

C. Depression and discouragement

- Lord, dismayed (Deuteronomy 31:8) 1.
- 2. shield (Psalm 3:3)
- 3. stronghold, trouble (Psalm 9:9)
- fear, comfort (Psalm 23:4) 4.
- 5. mourning, dancing (Psalm 30:11)
- delivers, brokenhearted (Psalm 34:17-18)
- 7. heals, wounds (Psalm 147:3)
- 8. wait, faint (Isaiah 40:31)
- 9. dismayed, strengthen (Isaiah 41:10)
- 10. Come, rest, rest (Matthew 11:28-30)
- 11. orphans, come (John 14:18)
- 12. peace, tribulation (John 16:33)
- 13. weakness, intercedes (Romans 8:26)
- 14. separate, love (Romans 8:38-39)
- 15. hope, prayer (Romans 12:12)
- 16. hope, joy, peace (Romans 15:13)
- 17. comforts, comfort, endure (2 Corinthians 1:4-6)
- 18. godly, repentance (2 Corinthians 7:10)
- 19. godly, unrighteous (2 Peter 2:9)

2. DECEPTIVE FEAR

A. Worry and fear

- frightened, wherever (Joshua 1:9)
- 2. fear, afraid (Psalm 27:1)
- delivered, fears (Psalm 34:4) 3.
- Hope, salvation (Psalm 42:5) 4.
- 5. trust (Psalm 56:3)
- fear (Psalm 118:6) 6.
- 7. Lord, life (Proverbs 19:23)
- snare, safe (Proverbs 29:25) 8.
- 9. rejoice, God (Habakkuk 3:17-18)
- 10. heart (Matthew 14:27)
- 11. anxious, troubled (Luke 10:41-42)
- 12. kingdom (Luke 12:32)
- 13. slavery, fear (Romans 8:15)
- 14. love, good (Romans 8:28)
- 15. money, fear (Hebrews 13:5-6)
- 16. suffer, fear (1 Peter 3:14)

B. Temptation and deception

- tongue, deceit (Psalm 52:2)
- 2. integrity, crooked (Proverbs 10:9)
- 3. lips, faithfully (Proverbs 12:22)
- lips, hearts, dark (Isaiah 29:13-15) 4.
- 5. temptation, evil (Matthew 6:13)
- temptation (Matthew 26:41) 6.
- 7. Pray, temptation (Luke 22:40)
- devil, liar (John 8:44) 8.
- 9. temptation, endure (1 Corinthians 10:13)
- 10. deceived, eternal (Galatians 6:7-8)
- 11. tempted, help (Hebrews 2:18)
- 12. God, tempted, desire (James 1:13-15)
- 13. doers, deceiving (James 1:22)

- 14. deceives, worthless (James 1:26)
- 15. test, false (1 John 4:1)
- 16. deceiver, world (Revelation 12:9)

2. WHAT EMOTIONAL NEEDS WALKING WITH GOD **PROVIDES**

1. DIVINE PRESENCE

A. Courage and encouragement

- 1. Lord, shaken (Psalm 16:8)
- 2. fear, stronghold (Psalm 27:1)
- Wait, courage (Psalm 27:14)
- 4. courage, wait (Psalm 31:24)
- 5. refuge, strength (Psalm 46:1)
- 6. believe (Mark 5:36)
- 7. God, fear (Luke 12:6-7)
- 8. endurance, encouragement (Romans 15:4)
- faith, strong (1 Corinthians 16:13)
- 10. encourage, build (1 Thessalonians 5:11)
- 11. encouragement, hope (Hebrews 6:18)
- 12. meet, encouraging (Hebrews 10:24-25)

B. Friendship and relationship

- 1. alone, helper (Genesis 2:18)
- 2. leave, flesh (Genesis 2:24)
- 3. companions, friend (Proverbs 18:24)
- 4. friendship, snare (Proverbs 22:24-25)
- 5. friend, earnest (Proverbs 27:9)
- sharpens (Proverbs 27:17) 6.
- 7. Two (Ecclesiastes 4:9)
- gathered (Matthew 18:20)

- friends, friends, servants, friends (John 15:13-15)
- 10. encourage, build (1 Thessalonians 5:11)
- 11. righteousness, friend (James 2:23)
- 12. friendship, enemy (James 4:4)
- 13. loving, love (1 Peter 4:8)
- 14. love, love, loves (1 John 4:7)

2. DIVINE DELIGHT

A. Forgiveness and compassion

- compassionate, wrath (Psalm 78:38) 1.
- 2. gracious, faithfulness (Psalm 86:15)
- compassion, fear (Psalm 103:13) 3.
- 4. white, wool (Isaiah 1:18)
- 5. compassion, pardon (Isaiah 55:7)
- 6. mercy, forgiveness (Daniel 9:9)
- 7. forgive, forgive (Matthew 6:14)
- 8. compassion, shepherd (Mark 6:34)
- forgiven, loves (Luke 7:47) 9.
- 10. Repent, forgiveness (Acts 2:38)
- 11. condemnation, in (Romans 8:1)
- 12. evil (Romans 12:17)
- 13. burdens, fulfill (Galatians 6:2)
- 14. forgiving, forgave (Ephesians 4:32)
- 15. compassionate, forgiven (Colossians 3:12-13)

B. Happiness and joy

- glad, rejoices (Psalm 16:9)
- 2. Lord, desires (Psalm 37:4)
- 3. good, refuge (Psalm 34:8)
- 4. delight, heart (Psalm 40:8)
- rejoice, glad (Psalm 118:24) 5.

- cheerful, sorrow (Proverbs 15:13) 6.
- 7. joy, salvation (Isaiah 12:3)
- love, commandments, joy (John 15:9-11)
- 9. rejoice, joy (John 16:22)
- 10. Ask, full (John 16:24)
- 11. rejoice, glory (Romans 5:2)
- 12. Spirit, joy (Galatians 5:22-23)
- 13. Lord, rejoice (Philippians 4:4)
- 14. cheerful, praise (James 5:13)
- 15. sufferings, rejoice (1 Peter 4:13)

C. Peace and mercy

- 1. goodness, mercy (Psalm 23:6)
- 2. peace, trusts (Isaiah 26:3)
- merciful, mercy (Matthew 5:7) 3.
- 4. mercy, sacrifice (Matthew 9:13)
- 5. peace, world (John 14:27)
- 6. peace, overcome (John 16:33)
- 7. flesh, Spirit (Romans 8:6)
- 8. peace (1 Corinthians 14:33)
- 9. peace, guard (Philippians 4:7-8)
- 10. Christ, thankful (Colossians 3:15)
- 11. confidence, mercy (Hebrews 4:16)
- 12. peace, holiness (Hebrews 12:14)
- 13. liberty, mercy, judgment (James 2:12-13)
- 14. mercy, living (1 Peter 1:3)

3. HOW WALKING WITH GOD **EQUIPS US FOR LIFE AND MINISTRY**

1. TRUE POWER

A. Power and strength

- 1. strength, portion (Psalm 73:26)
- 2. steadfast (Psalm 94:18)
- 3. power, strength (Isaiah 40:29)
- power, salvation (Romans 1:16) 4.
- 5. wisdom, power (1 Corinthians 2:5)
- talk, power (1 Corinthians 4:20) 6.
- 7. Lord, power (1 Corinthians 6:14)
- 8. weaknesses, strong (2 Corinthians 12:10)
- abundantly, power (Ephesians 3:20)
- 10. strengthens (Philippians 4:13)
- 11. power, might (Colossians 1:11)
- 12. power, self-control (2 Timothy 1:7)
- 13. trials, steadfastness (James 1:2-3)
- 14. strength, God (1 Peter 4:11)
- 15. power, knowledge (2 Peter 1:3)

B. Self-control and discipline

- discipline (Proverbs 12:1) 1.
- rod, discipline (Proverbs 13:24) 2.
- 3. self-control (Proverbs 25:28)
- 4. flesh, Spirit (Romans 8:13)
- 5. discipline, disqualified (1 Corinthians 9:27)
- faithful, endure (1 Corinthians 10:13) 6.
- 7. Spirit, self-control (Galatians 5:22-23)
- filled, Spirit (Ephesians 5:18) 8.
- 9. excellence, praise (Philippians 4:8)

- 10. Abstain (1 Thessalonians 5:22)
- 11. self-control (2 Timothy 1:7)
- 12. self-controlled, disciplined (Titus 1:8)
- 13. renounce, self-controlled (Titus 2:12)
- 14. discipline, righteousness (Hebrews 12:11)
- 15. sober-minded, devour (1 Peter 5:8)

2. TRUE WISDOM

A. Faithfulness and reliability

- moved, slumber (Psalm 121:3)
- 2. accomplish, purpose (Isaiah 55:11)
- 3. steadfast, faithfulness (Lamentations 3:22-23)
- faithful, joy (Matthew 25:21) 4.
- 5. faithful, dishonest (Luke 16:10)
- stewards, faithful 6. (1 Corinthians 4:2-4)
- 7. Lord, establish (2 Thessalonians 3:3)
- 8. faithful, also (2 Timothy 2:2)
- 9. faithless, faithful (2 Timothy 2:13)
- 10. hope, faithful (Hebrews 10:23)
- 11. same (Hebrews 13:8)
- 12. faithful, just (1 John 1:9)

B. Patience and perseverance

- patient, proud (Ecclesiastes 7:8)
- 2. endurance, character, hope (Romans 5:3-4)
- 3. hope, patience (Romans 8:25)
- 4. tribulation, prayer (Romans 12:12)
- 5. patient, arrogant (1 Corinthians 13:4)

- Spirit, patience (Galatians 5:22) 6.
- 7. good, reap (Galatians 6:9)
- 8. patience, love (Ephesians 4:2)
- 9. holy, patience (Colossians 3:12)
- 10. encourage, patient (1 Thessalonians 5:14)
- 11. patience, believe (1 Timothy 1:16)
- 12. testing, steadfastness (James 1:2-4)
- 13. speak, anger (James 1:19-20)
- 14. patient, establish (James 5:7-8)
- 15. slow, patient (2 Peter 3:9)

C. Knowledge and wisdom

- 1. number, wisdom (Psalm 90:12)
- 2. fear, fools (Proverbs 1:7)
- 3. Lord, knowledge (Proverbs 2:6)
- 4. wisdom, knowledge (Proverbs 2:10)
- 5. wise, fear (Proverbs 3:7)
- 6. knowledge, glory (Habakkuk 2:14)
- 7. mind, will (Romans 12:2)
- 8. power, wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:24)
- knowledge, love, loves (1 Corinthians 8:1-3)
- 10. wise, evil, foolish (Ephesians 5:15-17)
- 11. word, wisdom (Colossians 3:16)
- 12. wisdom, generously (James 1:5)
- 13. above, pure (James 3:17)

3. TRUE MOTIVATION

A. Pride and humility

- pride, humble (Proverbs 11:2)
- 2. first, last (Mark 9:35)

- decrease (John 3:30) 3.
- 4. lowly (Romans 12:16)
- 5. something, deceives (Galatians 6:3)
- 6. humility, significant (Philippians 2:3)
- 7. emptied, servant, humbled (Philippians 2:5-8)
- conduct, meekness (James 3:13) 8.
- 9. Humble, exalt (James 4:10)
- 10. unity, humble (1 Peter 3:8)
- 11. humility, proud (1 Peter 5:5)
- 12. pride, world (1 John 2:16)

B. Purpose and motives

- 1. appearance, heart (1 Samuel 16:7)
- 2. right, heart (Proverbs 21:2)
- 3. welfare, hope (Jeremiah 29:11)
- 4. glorified, prove (John 15:8)
- 5. finish, testify (Acts 20:24)
- 6. whatever, glory (1 Corinthians 10:31)
- 7. approval, servant (Galatians 1:10)
- 8. approved, gospel, tests (1 Thessalonians 2:4)
- 9. works, prepared (Ephesians 2:10)
- 10. people-pleasers, heart (Ephesians 6:6)
- 11. ambition, humility (Philippians 2:3)
- 12. aim, love (1 Timothy 1:5)
- 13. works, purpose, grace (2 Timothy 1:9)

C. Integrity and trust

- integrity, securely (Proverbs 10:9)
- 2. Better, integrity (Proverbs 28:6)
- trusts, fear, bear (Jeremiah 17:7-8)

- 4. others, so (Luke 6:31)
- 5. honorable, man (2 Corinthians 8:21)
- 6. heartily, inheritance (Colossians 3:23-24)
- 7. supply, glory (Philippians 4:19)
- 8. conscience, honorably (Hebrews 13:18)
- 9. right, sin (James 4:17)
- 10. honorable, glorify (1 Peter 2:12)
- 11. conscience, Christ (1 Peter 3:16)
- 12. confidence, hears (1 John 5:14)







