

Noonday Bible Study
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Lesson 4

“Walking Worthy of the Next Level”

Key Scriptures:

Colossians 1:10; Matthew 5:16; James 1:22

- ★ Graduation is not just about receiving knowledge; it is about applying what has been earned: God desires believers who do not merely hear the Word but live it daily.

Walking:

- Is the art of moving
- Is a behavior or lifestyle

Worthy:

- Having corresponding value, being fitting, or meriting a specific status.

Colossians 1:10

“That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;”

Note:

- This is part of the Apostle Paul’s prayer for the church in Colossae.
- Its core meaning is an encouragement to live a life that honors God, produces visible good deeds, and continually grows in a deeper, experimental relationship with Him.

1. Walk in a Manner Worthy of the Lord

- In the New Testament, a “walk” refers to your everyday lifestyle and behavior.

- To walk ‘worthy’ means your actions should reflect the character of Jesus, aligning with the Gospel and bringing honor to His Name.

2. Fully Pleasing to Him

- This sets the ultimate standard for a believer's life: making choices and cultivating attitudes that God approves of and delights in; it is about living with God as your audience.

3. Bearing Fruit in Every Good Work

- He uses the agricultural metaphor of fruit bearing to describe outward actions and righteous character.

Ex:

- Just as an apple, a healthy faith naturally results in visible “good works”; such as love, kindness, and serving others, that benefit the community.

4. Increasing in the Knowledge of God

- Know that God is not a one time event, but an ongoing, lifelong journey of relational intimacy.
- It involves moving past just knowing about God to experiencing His Character through prayer, study, and obedience.
- Spiritual Knowledge is meant to be practical.
- Gaining wisdom and understanding isn’t just about expanding your mind; it is the fuel that empowers you to actually live a productive, God honoring life.

Matthew 5:16

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven.”

Note:

- This text is centered on a believer’s life.

Light: represents the truth, love, and character of God.

- It is not a call to boast about oneself or draw attention to your own ego.
- Instead, it is letting the internalized grace of God flow outward.

Good Deeds:

- These are visible, practical expressions of faith, such as acts of kindness, mercy, integrity, and love.

The True Goal:

- The ultimate purpose of shining your light is not to receive praise or recognition from others.
- The goal is that when people witness the positive impact of your actions, they attribute that goodness to God, directing praise and honor toward Him.

James 1:22-24

(vs22)

“But be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves”

(vs23)

“For is any be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.”

(vs24)

“For he beholdeth himself; and goeth his way, and straight way forgetteth what manner of man he was.”

Note:

- True faith requires applying God’s teachings to your daily life, not just listening to them.
- Hearing without action leads to self deception, much like looking in a mirror, walking away and immediately forgetting what you saw.
- Listening to teachings without putting them into practice is essentially a form of self deception.
- Believing that just attending a study or hearing a sermon makes you spiritually mature is a trap; the actual value comes from obedient action.
- James used a highly visible analogy, a mirror.

- Just as a mirror is meant to show you exactly what needs adjusting (hair, face, etc,) you make the adjustments in the natural , and do the same in the Spiritual man.
- The teachings of scripture are meant to reveal necessary changes in your character and behavior.
- Someone who hears the Word but takes no action is like a person who spots a flaw in the mirror but walks away and forgets about it, rendering the reflection useless.
- James teaches that information must translate into transformation.
- Genuine faith is an active, ongoing lifestyle of putting what you learn into practice.
- We are held accountable for what we learn in the Word of God.

Crf:

2 John 1:6

“And this is love, that ye walk after His commandment, that as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it.”