

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.

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**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.”**