



Devotional: The Manner of Our Steps

It is so easy to get caught up in the "hustle" of life that we forget our movement has a specific direction and design. In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul uses the word "walk" repeatedly as a metaphor for how we conduct our daily lives.

1. The Call to Consistency

Read: *"I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called."* — **Ephesians 4:1**

- **Reflection:** Paul wrote this while in chains. His physical movement was restricted, yet he was obsessed with how the church "walked." To walk "worthy" doesn't mean we earn our salvation; it means we live in a way that matches the high price Jesus paid for us.
- **Question:** Does my "public walk" match the "private calling" God has placed on my life?

2. The Call to Love

Read: *"And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma."* — **Ephesians 5:2**

- **Reflection:** Walking the way God wants isn't about following a cold list of rules; it's about a fragrance. When Christ sacrificed Himself, it was a "sweet aroma" to God. When we choose patience over a snappy comeback, or generosity over greed, we are "walking in love" and releasing that same sweetness into the world.
- **Action:** Think of one person who is difficult to love. How can your "walk" toward them today reflect Christ's sacrifice?

3. The Call to Wisdom

Read: *"See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil."* — **Ephesians 5:15-16**

- **Reflection:** To walk "circumspectly" means to look around—to be alert. A fool stumbles into pits because they aren't paying attention. A wise person realizes that time is a non-renewable resource. Every step is an opportunity to "redeem" a moment for God's kingdom.
- **Question:** What is one "time-waster" in my daily walk that I can replace with a "wise-step"?

4. Prayer & Commitment

Close by asking the Holy Spirit to guide your feet today. Use this simple prayer:

"Lord, thank You for the path You've set before me. Help me to walk worthy of Your name, to move in love toward others, and to use my time with wisdom. If I stray, nudge my heart back to the center of Your will. Amen."