

“The Worthy Walk” Part I

Ephesians 4:1

Intro:

Who we are “*in-Christ*”...

Ephesians 4:1, “*As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you – believers – to live a life, to walk in a manner worthy of the calling you have received.*”

- The call to the believer – who’s been given these incredible resources...is the call to walk a

- “*Urge*” –

It could be literally translated: _____

I would submit to you for your consideration that the fact that he is saying, “*I implore you*” and “*I beg you*” is even stronger than a command. *This is not an option for the believer.*

I. The _____ to the Worthy Walk:

“I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.” N.A.S. says, “I implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling.”

“I implore you... to live your life... to walk... to conduct yourself in such a way as to be worthy of and exemplify your calling...”

Paul is talking about our daily conduct as a believer – *our way of life.*

The reason we need to emphasize this concept of **walking** is that it is absolutely crucial to the rest of our study in the book of **Ephesians**.

- “Worthy” – to _____ .
Simply stated, *to walk a worthy walk* is to walk in such a way that my life would be equal to my position.
- Now this call comes to us – *Make your practice, make your walk, make your life **equal to** your position.*

Who I am needs to be seen in how I live. “The worthy walk” simply put, is living in harmony with my position *in-Christ*... a balancing of the scales.

The million-dollar question then becomes, “*How do you walk a worthy walk?*” How do I do that *under grace*, and not by some self-effort?

I believe God has called us to ministry that focuses us on the internal parts, on the development of the *inner-man*. You see the real issue is the Spirit’s control, which will always result in godly living – *every time*.

- The first characteristic of a worthy walk is

_____.

Humility... what is your definition of humility?

In order to really understand God's perspective on humility, you first need to understand His perspective on pride.

- **Verses on pride:** Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28; Proverbs 11:2; 16:5, 18; 21:4.

James 4:6, 10, “*God opposes the proud, but shows favor to the humble.*”¹⁰ *Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up.*”

Bottom line: From God's perspective; humility is always the indicator of the

_____, and pride is always the indicator of _____.

The one thing that will keep me from accessing all that Paul has shown is available to us as believers, the one thing that will keep me from flipping the switch to the power and fullness of God that is available – is pride.

On the flip-side, the one thing that grants me access to it, is humility. *Humility*, because it starts with me admitting I need His fullness and power. *Humility*, because to get that... I have to ask.

Humility is essential to every dimension of our Christian life.

Application: