

# WALK IT LIKE I TALK IT

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*"You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden." (Matthew 5:14, NLT)*

## HOW DO I WALK IT LIKE I TALK IT?

### 1. I MUST PREPARE BY WHAT I PUT IN.

*"Don't be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant." (Galatians 6:7, NLT)*

### I PREPARE THROUGH:

- PRAYER.

*"If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking." (James 1:5, NLT)*

#### Prayer:

- RESHAPES OUR HEARTS

*"A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Matthew 22:39, NLT)*

- RESTS OUR MINDS

*"He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us." (2 Corinthians 1:4, NLT)*

- REMINDS ME TO RELY ON GRACE NOT ON MY PERFORMANCE

*"Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it." (Ephesians 2:9, NLT)*

- COMMUNITY.

*"As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend." (Proverbs 27:17, NLT)*

*“Stay away from fools, for you won’t find knowledge on their lips.” (Proverbs 14:7, NLT)*

- WHO I SURROUND MYSELF WITH WILL AFFECT WHO I BECOME.

*“Walk with the wise and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble.” (Proverbs 13:20, NLT)*

*“Don’t be fooled by those who say such things, for “bad company corrupts good character.” (1 Corinthians 15:33, NLT)*

- READING GOD’S WORD

*“All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17, NLT)*

THE SCRIPTURE ALIGNS ME WITH GOD AND CORRECTS MY STEPS

## **ACTION STEP**

### **BIBLE READING PLAN**

## **2. I MUST TAKE ACTION AND ADJUST.**

*“But don’t just listen to God’s word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.” (James 1:22, NLT)*

**I TAKE ACTION BY:**

- LIVING WITH INTEGRITY.

*“Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.” (Romans 12:2, NLT)*

- OUR ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN OUR WORDS.

*“...that no one can criticize you. Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people.” (Philippians 2:15, NLT)*

- **LOVING BEYOND COMFORT.**

*"When Jesus heard this, he told them, "Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do. I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners." (Mark 2:17, NLT)*

- **THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL.**

*"A servant of the Lord must not quarrel but must be kind to everyone, be able to teach, and be patient with difficult people. Gently instruct those who oppose the truth. Perhaps God will change those people's hearts, and they will learn the truth. Then they will come to their senses and escape from the devil's trap. For they have been held captive by him to do whatever he wants." (2 Timothy 2:24-26, NLT)*

*"But if you have doubts about whether or not you should eat something, you are sinning if you go ahead and do it. For you are not following your convictions. If you do anything you believe is not right, you are sinning." (Romans 14:23, NLT)*

- **SHARING WITH COMPASSION.**

*"But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect." (1 Peter 3:15, NIV84)*

*"Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins." (1 Peter 4:8, NLT)*

## **ACTION STEP**

### **SHARE YOUR STORY**