



A WORTHY WALK

Colossians 1:10

Introduction: I want to begin by asking you a question: *“If you were _____ for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?”*

This year our 2026 Church theme is **“A _____ Walk.”** This theme flows directly from the Apostle Paul’s prayer for the believers in Colossae. At the heart of that prayer is this request: *“That you may walk worthy of the Lord.”*

At its core, a worthy walk means this: **Our _____ ought to match the Lord we profess to follow.**

Before we look at our text allow me to share a little about the city of Colossae. It was...

The believers lived at a crossroads of _____ —pagan worship, Greek philosophy, Jewish legalism, and early forms of Gnosticism all competed for their allegiance.

F.F. Bruce wisely observes, *“The Colossian heresy was not a denial of Christ, but a depreciation of Him.”*

Paul's response is not to _____ every error, but to exalt Christ as supreme, sufficient, and Lord of all. Right belief about Christ must lead to a transformed life for Christ ([2 Corinthians 5:17](#)).

Paul wrote this Epistle for at least three reasons:

Douglas Moo notes, *"Paul's concern is not merely theological correctness, but the practical outworking of theology in a life pleasing to God."*

1. ***"That _____" – Personal Responsibility***

"That you may walk worthy of the Lord..."

Paul's prayer, though written to a church, is deeply _____. The phrase *"that you"* reminds us that spiritual maturity is not inherited, delegated, or automatic. No, it is personal. It is a decision that everyone must make.

Every believer must take personal _____ for his or her walk with Christ. And allow me to mention something else – DON'T YOU _____ OTHERS for your lack of spiritual growth.

- [2 Peter 3:18](#) – *"but grow in the grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen."*
- 1 Peter 2:2 - *"as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby."*
- Jude 21 - *Keep yourself in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.*

What is the point? You have a _____ when it comes to your walk with the Lord.

2. “May _____” – *Daily Direction*

“That you may walk worthy...”

The Greek word “walk” is **peripateō**, and it means, to walk _____, to conduct one’s life, to live habitually.

Bible teachers William Barclay explains, *“In the New Testament, the Christian life is never thought of as a sudden experience but as a steady progress.”*

Even the great Apostle Paul proclaimed, *“but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.”* ([Phil. 3:12b](#))

We need to understand that Paul is not praying for spiritual flashes or _____ highs—he is praying for a consistent,

It has been said, *“A worthy walk begins when I stop evaluating my faith by intentions and start examining my _____”*

Write this down –

3. “_____” – *Balanced Scales*

“That you may walk worthy of the Lord...”

The Greek word “worthy” is **axios**. It is a word that comes from the _____. It means *“to weigh as much as,”* or *“to _____ the scales.”*

Paul is praying that they would match – that there would be a balance.

John Stott writes, *“The Christian’s behavior should be appropriate to the Christian’s _____.”*

Paul echoes this same truth elsewhere:

- [Ephesians 4:1](#) – “_____ in a manner worthy of the calling...”
- [Philippians 1:27](#) – “Let your _____ be worthy of the gospel of Christ.”

What a Worthy Walk Is—and Is Not

4. “Of the _____” – *The Right Measure*

“That you may walk worthy of the Lord...”

The standard of our walk is...

The Christian life is not about asking, “*Is this _____?*” but rather, “*Does this look like _____?*” or “Am I reflecting Jesus Christ?”

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Conclusion: Your life is leaving _____:

- Your _____ (especially your children) are seeing them.
- Your _____ (neighbors) is noticing them.
- The _____ is interpreting Christ through them.

A worthy walk does not mean a _____ life—it means a _____ one. It means that when people look at the direction, the pattern, and the priorities of our lives, they see evidence that we have been walking with Jesus. So, I ask you again, “*If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?*”

In four days, we will step across the threshold and leave _____ behind us, and we will enter _____, a New Year. As we enter the New Year may this be our prayer:

“Lord, let the weight of my _____ match the _____ of my Savior.”