

# Life of Joseph

Lessons in Humility, Leadership and Forgiveness

## The Believer's Walk

- In our study we have seen that Joseph conducted his life as unto the Lord.
- The way we conduct our lives is known in the Scriptures as our “walk”.
- Joseph’s walk with God serves as an example for us, but the New Testament has a lot to say about our walk.
- In the New Testament the Greek word for “walk” is περιπατέω (peripateō).
- Quite a few verses in the New Testament contain the word περιπατέω (peripateō) and by examining those verses we will learn more about what God expects of us in our own lives today.
- Verses with Negative Meanings. Walking...
  - in darkness [1 John 1:6; 2:11; John 12:35].
  - according to the flesh [Rom 8:4; 2 Cor 10:2].
  - like mere men [1 Cor 3:3].
  - according to the course of this world [Eph 2:2].
  - in sins (immorality, impurity, ...) [Col 3:5-7].
  - in the futility of your mind [Eph 4:17].
  - in craftiness (trickery) [2 Cor 4:2].
  - in an undisciplined manner [2 Thess 3:6, 11].
- Verses with Positive Meanings. Walking...
  - in the Light [John 8:12; 12:35; 1 John 1:7].
  - as children of Light [Eph 5:8].
  - properly [1 Thess 4:12], as in the day [Rom 13:13].
  - by means of the Spirit [Gal 5:16].
  - according to the Spirit [Rom 8:4].
  - in the same manner as Christ [1 John 2:6].
  - in a worthy manner [Eph 4:1; Col 1:10; 1 Thess 2:12].
  - in Christ [Col 2:7].
  - in the newness of life [Rom 6:4].
  - as God has called us [1 Cor 7:17].
  - according to sound teaching [1 Thess 4:1].
  - in truth, according to God’s commandments [2 John 4, 6; 3 John 3-4].
  - in wisdom [Eph 5:15; Col 4:5].

- according to the pattern of spiritual leaders [Phil 3:17].
- not according to customs [Acts 21:21].
- in love [Eph 5:2].
- according to love [Rom 14:15].
- in the works which God prepared beforehand [Eph 2:10].
- Conclusions
  - Born-again believers are capable of conducting their lives as unbelievers do – without discipline, indulging their fleshly desires with futility of mind.
  - However, we are new creatures with a new self (our living human spirit) and, as such, we should put aside our old ways and conduct our lives in a manner worthy of our position in Christ.
  - As God's children we should walk in the Light as we...
    - ✦ humbly submit to the indwelling Holy Spirit, live under His influence and produce His fruit.
    - ✦ learn God's truth and live according to it.
    - ✦ do the works which God has prepared for us.
  - Knowledge of God's word is absolutely necessary to live a life which pleases God, but the obtaining of God's knowledge as well as the living of the godly life requires submission to the Holy Spirit.
  - It is also important for us to recognize that God desires that we live our lives in the operational sphere of love.