

**Faith Christian Fellowship**  
**May 11, 2014**  
**Walk in Truth 8**  
**Walking Wise 2**

**Text:** 3 Jn 1:4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth. / Eph 5:15-17 See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, (16) redeeming the time, because the days are evil. (17) Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Ephesians lets us know that before we can walk, we first have to sit. Once we are **seated**, then we can walk. We looked at walking **worthy of our calling**, and getting **free from a Gentile mind**. **We learned to imitate God and walk in love**. We began to talk about **Walking in the Light: The light of the Word, the light of love, and the light of the Spirit, conscience and the inward witness**. Our last stage of walking is to walk in wisdom.

Walk close to the Lord, and in your relations with significant people. We got all over husbands and wives, today some more.

❖ The other primary relationships

➤ The nucleus. Eph 6:1-4

- Honor does not mean I agree with them all the time, but I do treat them with deference and respect.
- Parents: Treat your kids with dignity, discipline, and instruction. Hypocrisy and lack of respect is the surest way to make a rebellious and disrespectful child.

➤ The marketplace: Workers and bosses Eph 6:5-9

- This is not an endorsement of slavery. It speaks to the system of the day and recognizes the inherent value of both slave and master.
- When I go to work, I have an assignment from God to impact the workplace. It is where He put me.

❖ Wisdom is about how to be a blessing to others.

- His Word to children is the only one with a self-centered motive. All the others are about someone else knowing the Lord and being blessed. (Maturity?)
- Notice Eph 5:32-33 The purpose of our wisdom: to reflect the love of Christ for the Church to a broken world.

❖ Three keys to walking in wisdom toward the God-relations in life:

- **Love** for those in my care. *Agapáō*; To esteem, love, indicating a direction of the will and finding one's joy in something or someone.

- To invest in the well-being of another even at the sacrifice of one's own desires. This kind of love requires a decision, not a feeling. Joh 10:14-18

➤ **Respect** for those whom God has placed in our lives:

- Best translations= reverence or respect that comes with recognition of position. I am respectful of
  - Those whom God has placed as part of my existence.
  - All people whom He has created: Jesus died for all. 2 Cor 5:14... Since we believe that Christ died for all,
- The dictionary tells us that respect is esteem for or a sense of the worth or excellence of a person. Deference to a right, privilege, privileged position. To respect is defined as to feel or show esteem or honor for someone or something.
- I respect folks because of their position, regardless of how they carry it out.
  - I respect people by: Listening / Responding / Telling the truth / Not abusing time / Using appropriate titles and names / Addressing disagreements in private. / Allowing them the dignity of making decisions and experiencing the outcomes.

➤ **Honor** the people in your life.

- Timao - to *prize*, that is, *fix a valuation* upon; by implication to *revere*: - honour, value. 1Pe 2:17 / 1Pe 3:7 / 1Ti 5:3 / 1Ti 5:17 / 1Ti 6:1 / Rom 13:7
- Honor is a tangible, generally public, acknowledgment of worth, achievement or position. I honor people by peaking of them and treating them as if they have value to me.
  - I acknowledge and honor those whom:
    - ◆ God commands me specifically to honor
    - ◆ Through faithfulness, loyalty, and diligence have made themselves worthy of special honor in my life.
  - Today, we honor mothers. It is the wise thing to do!

**Thanks, Mom.**