

“How we walk before the Lord” Pt 1 Introduction – To walk is to do (work) with our heart.

This is a new study on – How we walk before the Lord. In this study we establish (1) in scripture “to walk” is “to do”, and (2) when we walk uprightly we do righteousness, and when we walk in the ways of evil we do evil, (3) how we walk reveals to whom we listen, and (4) how we walk reveals the spiritual health of our heart.

Scriptures upon which this teaching is founded.

1. In scripture “to walk” is “to do”

“That the Lord thy God may shew us the way wherein we may walk, and the thing that we may do” (Jer 42:30).

2. When we walk –

a) uprightly we do, or work righteousness

“He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness....” (Ps.15: 2).

b) in the ways of evil – we do, or work evil.

“For he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, and made...molten images for Baalim” (2Chr.28: 2).

3. How we walk reveals to whom we listen –

a) when we walk contrary to God’s ways we show we harken not unto Him

“And if ye walk contrary unto me, and will not hearken unto me; I will bring seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins” (Lev 26:21).

B) when we walk in the counsels of the ungodly we show we hearken to them

“For the statutes of Omri are kept, and all the works of the house of Ahab, and ye walk in their counsels; that I should make thee a desolation...” (Mic.6: 16).

4. How we walk reveals the spiritual health of our heart.

“But as for them whose heart walketh after the heart of their detestable things and their abominations...” (Eze.11:21).

Illustration to help apply our teaching to our life.

There was a Police series where the Superintendent was covering up his past crimes, and to continue the cover-up he killed a man. He may have walked about in a Policeman’s uniform but his heart was far from that which they up-hold.

Question to think about.

How do we identify those who walk the walk, and talk the talk but their hearts are far from the Lord, as Israel was (Is.29: 13)?

Our answer from the scriptures.

“Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works” (2 Cor.11:15).

Apart from John the Baptist and Jesus no one could see the Pharisees as hypocrites because they walked contrary to the law, so their hearts did not discern God’s voice. If you want to know who are ministers of Satan that have crept in unawares you will need to be walking uprightly yourself to discern their heart. What is the state of your heart that the discerning brethren observe from your walk, from what you do?

Next week we look at what we have to do to walk uprightly before our God.