

## How we walk before the Lord Pt 2 walk in uprightness of heart

In our previous study we established – (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 our works are evil, (3) how we walk reveals to whom we listen, and the spiritual health of our heart. In this study we establish – (1) Walk before God in truth, righteousness, and in uprightness of heart, (2) Fear God, walk in His ways and serve Him with your whole heart, and (3) Incline your hearts unto God to walk in his ways.

Scriptures upon which this teaching is founded.

### 1. Walk before God in truth, righteousness, and in uprightness of heart

“And Solomon said, Thou hast shewed unto thy servant David my father great mercy, according as he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee; and thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day” (1Kgs 3:6). Also v.14.

### 2. Fear God, walk in His ways and serve Him with your whole heart.

“And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul” (Deut.10: 12).

### 3. Incline your hearts unto God to walk in his ways.

“That he may incline our hearts unto him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and his statutes, and his judgments, which he commanded our fathers. Let your heart therefore be perfect with the Lord our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day” (1 Kg.8: 58, 61).

Illustration to help apply our teaching to our life.

When a couple marry they tend to wear their affections on their sleeve and others see their tenderness towards each other and know of their love. As the years pass by in a marriage and the child-like love that ignited their union wears off the couple are left with love that is expressed through their actions. And we see this in the scriptures which say – “men love you wives “even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it” (Eph.5: 25), and “Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends” (Jn.15: 13).

Question to think about.

How can a person walk in uprightness of heart when all sin?

Our answer from the scriptures.

Incline your heart unto God to walk in His ways, in truth and righteousness.

Fear God and so with all your heart depart from iniquity (Prov.16: 6).

Seek to walk in His ways, serve Him and obey His word with your whole heart.

That does not mean that we have immunity from sin. It means that when we sin we repent, and incline our hearts to walk in God's ways. We get back on the bike (so to speak) and keep going, never giving up, in doing so our walk shows God that we walk in His ways with our whole heart.

We can speak as many words to the Lord as we like but let us remember that God is interested in our hearts! “Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.” (Mk.7: 6).

Our walk reflects what is in our heart! Let us walk in uprightness of heart today!