

#### Ephesians 4:1-AMP

1 I THEREFORE, the prisoner for the Lord, appeal to *and* beg you to walk (lead a life) worthy of the [divine] calling to which you have been called [with behavior that is a credit to the summons to God's service,...

**Passion** – 1 As a prisoner of the Lord, I plead with you to walk holy, in a way that is suitable to your high rank, given to you in your divine calling.

NKJV - I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you *to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called.*

#### 1. A CALL TO BE WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST JESUS...BY LIVING OR WALKING RIGHTEOUSLY BEFORE HIM.

#### Philippians 1:27

27 Only let your conversation [that is, your manner of life or your life-style] be as it becometh the gospel of Christ,,,

**Passion** – 27 More importantly, keep living your lives in the reality of the gospel of Christ, which reveals him to others.

#### Colossians 1:10-AMP

That you may walk (live and conduct yourselves) in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him and desiring to please Him in all things, bearing fruit in every good work and steadily growing *and* increasing in *and* by the knowledge of God [with fuller, deeper, and clearer insight, acquaintance, and recognition].

#### 1 Thessalonians 2:10-Passion

10 With God as our witness you saw how we lived among you— in holiness, in godly relationships, and without fault.

#### 1 John 1:7-Passion

7 But if we keep living in the pure light that surrounds him, we share unbroken fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, continually cleanses us from all sin.

#### 2. A CALL TO DO THE WORK OF THE LORD, BY MINISTERING AND SERVING OTHERS WITH OUR GIFTS AND TALENTS.

#### 1 Corinthians 7:17-NKJV

But as God has distributed to each one, as the Lord has called each one, so let him walk. And so I ordain in all the churches.

**Passion** – 17 May all believers continue to live the wonderful lives God has called them to live, according to what he assigns for each person, for this is what I teach to believers everywhere.

a. You have been...called by God, so what's your calling?

#### Romans 12:6-LB

6 God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well.

When we were born we received God-given abilities, but when we were born-again, we received a God-given calling.

Through our occupation we connect our abilities to the world. Through our calling we connect our abilities to the Kingdom of God.

There are four primary areas that you must overcome in order to walk worthy of your calling.

The first area is personal pain.

#### 2 Corinthians 11:23-28-Message- On Overhead

I've worked much harder, been jailed more often, beaten up more times than I can count, and at death's door time after time. I've been flogged five times with the Jews' thirty-nine lashes, beaten by Roman rods three times, pummeled with rocks once. I've been shipwrecked three times, and immersed in the open sea for a night and a day. In hard traveling year in and year out, I've had to ford rivers, fend off robbers, struggle with friends, struggle with foes. I've been at risk in the city, at risk in the country, endangered by desert sun and sea storm, and betrayed by those I thought were my brothers. I've known drudgery and hard labor, many a long and lonely night without sleep, many a missed meal, blasted by the cold, naked to the weather.

The second area that will try to distract you is displaced priorities.

The third area is relational offense.

The fourth area is low self-esteem.

#### 1 Samuel 16:11, NKJV

11 Send and bring him [David]. For we will not sit down till he comes here.

#### 2 Timothy 4:7 - NKJV

7 I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith.

#### Ephesians 4:8 - NLT

When He [Christ] ascended to the heights, He led a crowd of captives, and **gave gifts to his people**.

#### Ephesians 4:11-12 - NKJV

And He [Christ] Himself **gave** some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.

**Christ served as The Apostle.**

**Hebrews 3:1-NKJV**

**1** Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus,...

**apostle** is —*apostellos* - —**to be sent forth.**

**Christ came as The Prophet.**

**Acts 3:22-23, 26, NKJV**

For Moses truly said to the fathers, —The Lord your God will raise up for you a ***Prophet like me*** from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you. And it shall come to pass that every soul who will not hear ***that Prophet*** shall be utterly destroyed from among the people . . .To you first, God, having raised up His Servant Jesus, sent Him to bless you...

**Christ was also recognized as The Evangelist.**

**What was His primary purpose for coming?**

**Luke 19:10 - NKJV**

**10** The Son of Man has come to seek and save the lost...

**Christ was revealed as The Pastor.**

**1 Peter 5:4-NKJV**

**4** and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.

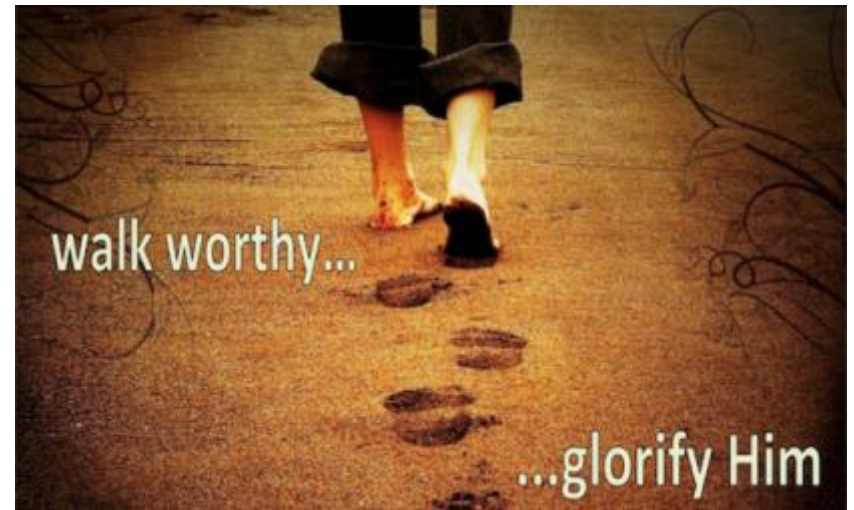
**Christ was acknowledged as The Teacher.**

**John 3:2-NKJV**

**2** This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."

**Acts 14:19-20 - NKJV**

[Jews from Antioch and Iconium] . . . having persuaded the multitudes, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing him to be dead.



# WALKING WORTHY OF YOUR CALLING.

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