

Walking With God

Zech. 3:7

This phrase "Walking with God" is very important to us because it reveals God's secret in surviving warfare and the darkness of evil around us.

- It describes a power and authority we can and should have while living around anarchy, lawlessness and pure evil.
 - A) For example in Gen 6:9 – The Bible says Noah walked with God in an evil generation
 - B) God called Abraham out of the Er of Chaldean's in Gen 17:1 saying, "I want you to walk and live habitually before Me and be perfect, blameless, wholehearted and complete. God told Abraham this at a time of history that was full of wicked evil. Where the Chaldean's offered up their children for animal sacrificing. God spoke out in grace telling Abraham "Walk with Me". He told Noah "Walk with Me".
 - C) Then God speaks directly in Rom. 13:13-14 (KJV/AMP) So when you hear this phrase "To Walk with God", it means a lot more than just walking down a road with Jesus. This means God's grace and love empowering you and me to walk with God right at the same time we experience evil and darkness around us. Because the Bible says in Gen 6:8, Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord and then vs. 9 says, Noah walked with God.
 - So, you and I cannot "walk with God", into releasing faith in God's grace and His love when living around darkness and pure evil. Now notice in our opening text in Zech. 3:7, God gives us 4 benefits for walking with God.
1. You shall have rule over my house. In other words, I will allow you to experience dominion and authority over demons in my house. I will increase your spiritual discernment. I will help you with your priorities to live an orderly life in the house of God.
 2. Have charge of courts. I'm going to promote you and use you. I'm going to shift you into a new season if you walk with me. You can't sit on a pew and do nothing when you are trying to walk with God. God's going to give more favor in your life. He will promote you in the KCC.
 3. I will give you access to my presence. This is an increase of hearing His voice and feeling His presence beyond where you are when you walk with the Lord. God's grace wants to give you access into His presence. When I'm walking with God, God measurably increases access into a greater sensitivity to His presence when you decide to walk with God.
 4. I will give you places to walk among these who stand here. I'm going to make you more faithful than those standing doing nothing in my house. I'm going to open up (new KCC assignments) to you. I'm going to cause you

to be an overachiever and do KCC ministry that you are not qualified for. All four of these benefits because you chose to walk with God.

- But God wants us to go a little deeper below the surface tonight to describe specifically how to walk with God.
- In other words, I want to define 3 ingredients for walking with God that we must have.

So when we define love through faith and grace it must have these 3 ingredients or it's not love, and you cannot walk with God in the face of evil and darkness.

Read
Prov.
16:6

1. Repentance

- a. Fear of the Lord will cause you to turn from those small besetting sins. Every day I must practice and experience repentance with my attitude my flesh and my will through prayer. The fear of the Lord helps me walk with God. So faith in God's love through grace allows me to repent. The fear of the Lord causes me to regard God's ways and his KCC over the opinions and attitudes of other. – Read Is. 8:12-13
 - So when it comes to compromised living or people putting pressure on me to compromise my values. Is. 8:12-13 says I will regard as Holy – and He is the one I will fear. You need this kind of attitude in order to walk with God. Read Deut. 8:6. God gives you grace to walk with this kind of attitude.
- b. Changing my attitude and values when repentance and grace moves on me. Read Acts 3:19. This is how you walk with God. The fear of God with the power of grace now motivates me to change my attitude towards employment authority, my spouse, and spiritual leadership.
Example – It took me over ten years and 12 jobs later to realize I had an authority issue with women. Repentance with the fear of the Lord changed this, so I can walk with God properly. Are you stirred and moved by preaching or do you plan to change your attitude?
- c. Obedience to God's work and spirit. Love and grace teaches you obedience when some of us only practice obedience when we feel we are going to hell or when we are forced to obey. Being bullied and criticized to do right doesn't lead any of us to a lasting change in our attitude. Repentance is controlled by faith in God's grace and love. Some of you are still way to self-critical. Thinking this is God's voice. Read Rom 2:4. We practice obedience through God's goodness. This is how you walk with God. Don't wait for people or God to get rough with you to obey.
- d. This releases the grace of God into your relationship circumstances. My IRS bill back in 1986 got fully paid. It taught me obedience. God is dealing with some of you with your money. Don't mistaken God's goodness as a license to not change your attitude towards that situation.

- e. Provides renewed convictions. Renewed convictions is the internal boundary lines you set on yourself no matter how people live around you. Read 2 Cor. 7:9-10.
- Godly sorrow is an inward renewed conviction that begins to set your own boundaries for passion, affections, and lust. This is called Godly sorrow, so you are enabled to walk with God in the face of evil and darkness.
 - Renewed convictions increase the presence of the Lord. It gives you charge and authority over the King's court. God will promote you when you renew convictions through love and grace.
- f. It renews your burden for daily meditative word. So, this fear God, change of attitude, obedience to God's word and spirit. The releasing of God's grace and the renewing of conviction all now gives me a renewing for daily meditative word. All by the goodness of God through repentance.
- Real spiritual maturity is when you don't go a day without meditative word in your consecration and give time. Repentance teaches you this. You now walk in the fear of the Lord. God has dried up my prayer life to teach me this.
- g. Repentance will cause you to give up certain things you really like doing. (Talk about September 21 days of consecration) Read Phil. 2:12
- God is seeking to be Lord over all of you affections and desires. Now read vs. 13 AMP. This is the power of love and grace working through repentance so you can walk with God.
- h. Repentance means periodic seasons of personal travail and wailing.
- Towards God
 - For yourself
 - For my family
 - For the saints
 - For lost souls

Some of you don't know what it's like to ball and snot until there's a rushing cleansing water of repentance that over takes you. (Explain an experience – Lee Stone King service in Madison. The Holy Ghost had me balling in tears over my marriage and my family), or when I pulled over to the side of the road listening to Dr. Dobson on marriage, or when one of my children left the church.

(What does it mean to)

**WALK WITH GOD
IT MEANS TO OPERATE GOD'S LOVE THROUGH FAITH AND GRACE**

THIS REQUIRES THREE VERY IMPORTANT INGREDIENTS FOR WALKING WITH GOD

Prov. 11:6

- 1) Repentance
 - a. Fear of the Lord
 - b. Change of the attitude
 - c. Obedience to God's Word and Spirit

- d. Releases the grace of God into your circumstances
- e. Provides renewed convictions
- f. Giving up things you really like
- g. Renews your hunger for daily word
- h. Periodic wailing and travailing personally

God's Holiness separation unto a Holy God from a perverse generation.

This kind of repentance by grace and love causes you to walk with God in the face of Evil and darkness.

- God releases the power of grace and changes an atmosphere in a service.
- He will manifest healing and deliverance all because of repentance.

Read Ps. 103:3-4 AMP – wailing and travailing repentance grips your soul and it grips God's heart. It's a thing of the past in our churches. But it releases the power of God to walk with Him. Repentance we define as God' way of making us holy.

2. True love in order to walk with God is humility. Micah 6:8 Humility is God's character repentance is God's Holiness. These two cause us to walk with God. Love must possess these 2 ingredients to agree in walking with God.

a. Deferring my opinions and beliefs to God's word and spiritual convictions.

- Sometimes this is very hard.
- We see God's word ignored everyday all in the name of arrogance. Especially when it comes to order, honor, and authority for a home.
- Humility comes again by voluntary love. It opens up God's grace to any stubbornness I fight.
- We struggle with humility at times because we don't know enough of God's word for a problem or a situation.

b. Submit to what we don't agree with.

- This gears up grace.
- Peter said never the less at Thy Word I will cast down my net.
- For some of you, your test is humbling yourself to God one more time when things haven't worked before.

c. To practice the act like the character of Jesus no matter the outcome.

- God will put you in no win situations just to act out His character in humility. His favor and presence will come on you in a powerful way.

d. This releases the grace of God on you.

- This is what makes you more like Jesus – He said learn of Me. This is how we become more like Him.

e. Humility provides renewed Holiness – Is. 35:8

- You cannot walk with God with a compromised Holiness lifestyle.
- It take repentance and humility to walk in Holiness

- f. Humility provides a desire to fast.
 - Arrogant people don't fast
 - It take humility to fast 1 Peter 5:6
- g. Humility keeps us from presumptuous arrogance.
 - This shows by having an independent attitude.
 - Humility attracts the grace of God.
- h. Humility give you a burden for souls.

2) Humility - Micah 6:8

- a. This means deferring my opinions and beliefs to God's word and spiritual conviction.
- i. Humility gives you a servant's heart.
- j. Humility gives you a teachable attitude, submitted my marriage to Pastoral counsel
- k. Humility gives you boldness and courage because you are emptying yourself from fear and pride.

3. The demonstration of public and private individual worship.

Worship is God's power, humility is God's character, repentance is God's Holiness.

- a. It releases joy
- b. It releases peace
- c. It releases strength
- d. It is God's weapon for warfare
- e. It produces healing and deliverance

It releases the grace of God

Read 2 Sam. 22:3, Ps. 18:2

Explain the word high tower. Col. 1:10-13

This is what it means to walk with God

End results to walking with God

1. Reproduce ourselves/values
2. Win the lost
3. Advance the KCC
4. Defeat evil and darkness
5. The name Jesus is glorified

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