

Fruitful in Every Good Work

"That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God." (Colossians 1:10)

There are many admonitions in Scripture insisting that the child of God maintain a lifestyle that reflects the holy character of the Savior.

The unique phrase "walk worthy" appears only three times in the New Testament: once in our text today; once in Ephesians 4:1, where we are asked to "walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called"; and once in 1 Thessalonians 2:12, where we are admonished to "walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory."

Paul's admonition to the church at Colossae was to live in such a way that everything would be "all pleasing" to our Lord. The Galatian church was struggling with members who were trying to keep the "old" Jewish law. Paul argued, **"Do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ"** (Galatians 1:10). Paul insisted to the Thessalonians, **"As we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts"** (1 Thessalonians 2:4).

Since we are to **"walk worthy,"** we are to be **"fruitful in every good work."** Indeed, "we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (Ephesians 2:10).

None of this should be a surprise. When God drew us to Himself (John 6:44) and brought the necessary conviction of our sin, Christ's righteousness, and the judgment to come (John 16:7-8), **what was "dead in trespasses and sin" (Ephesians 2:1) had to become a "new creature" (2 Corinthians 5:17) "created in righteousness and true holiness" (Ephesians 4:24).** That "new man" is then empowered to **"walk worthy."** HMM III

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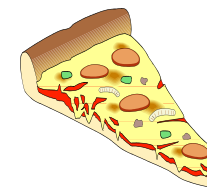
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