

# YE OUGHT TO WALK TO PLEASE GOD

1 THESSALONIANS 4:1-7 & 1 JOHN 2:1-6

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For the believer, there are certain things that he ought to do. Failure to comply is sin, for the Scriptures insist that "...to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin" (James 4:17).

The Bible speaks a lot about concerning our walk as Christians as well as the walk of the lost as well as the walk of the worldly. Notice with me 3 things concerning this

# 1. THE COMMAND

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## A. Walk the pattern (1 John 2:6)

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1. Christ is our pattern
2. Christ is our protector
3. Christ is our provider

## B. Walk to please (1 Thess 4:1)

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### C. Walk prepared

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### D. Walk productively

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## **2. THE CAUTION**

(Psalms 89:30-32) "If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments; {31} If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments; {32} Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes."

(Jeremiah 18:15-17) "Because my people hath forgotten me, they have burned incense to vanity, and they have caused them to stumble in their ways from the ancient paths, to walk in paths, in a way not cast up; {16} To make their land desolate, and a perpetual hissing; every one that passeth thereby shall be

astonished, and wag his head. {17} I will scatter them as with an east wind before the enemy; I will show them the back, and not the face, in the day of their calamity."

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B. Repulsiveness (Jer 18:16)

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C. Ruin (Jer 18:17)

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### **3. THE COUNSEL (EPH 5:15-17)**

(Ephesians 5:15-17) "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, {16} Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. {17} Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is."

A. Diligent

B. Strait

C. Redeeming the time

1. Take advantage of the opportunity

2. Rescue

D. Be wise to the will of the Lord.

Close:

Who are you patterning you walk after? Who are you trying to please? Are you walking prepared? Are you walking productively?

We need to remember the caution concerning our walk; the retribution, the repulsiveness, and the ruin.

We also need to regard the counsel concerning our walk.

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