

Lesson Notes:

## **Walking with the Lord**

Paul encouraged the Ephesians (**Ephesians 4:1**) to walk according to their calling. A close relationship with the Lord can bring us a peace that surpasses all understanding (**Ephesians 3:19**); which is why we should all strive to have a close relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus. Below are techniques for cultivating a daily walk with the Lord.

## **Scriptural Principles**

- 1) **Before we can have a close relationship with God we first have to recognize our sin(s) and receive Christ as our Lord and Savior.** – Paul assures us in **Romans 10:13** that whosoever calls upon the Lord shall be saved. Jesus promises in **Matthew 11:28** that he will answer our call.
- 2) **Once we recognize Christ as our Lord and Savior the next step is to mature in our faith.** This prepares us for an intimate relationship with the Lord. This is accomplished through Bible Study and becoming well grounded in the word of the Lord. When Christ was tempted by Satan in the wilderness in **Matthew 4** each time he responded by quoting scripture.
- 3) **We can enhance and strengthen our relationship with the Lord through daily prayer.** In **Mark 1:35** it was common for Jesus to start his day in prayer with his heavenly father.
- 4) **As Christians it is imperative that we remember the Sabbath Day and days of Holy obligation and keep them holy.** We are told this in **Exodus 20:8** and in **Ezekiel 46:3**.
- 5) **In John 14: 15-17 Jesus told his disciples that he would send the Holy Spirit to dwell within their hearts.** As Christians we need to recognize that the Holy Spirit lives within us. Paul tells us in **Galatians 2:20** that Christ lives within our hearts. When we realize this as Christians it becomes much easier to overcome the temptations of sin and to live a life according to God's plan.
- 6) **Jesus showed a great compassion for people.** He tells us to share his compassion for others in **Matthew 22:39** and **Matthew 25:34-40**.
- 7) **Have a passion for Christ.** In **Matthew 22:37** Jesus commands us to love thy God with all thy mind, all thy soul and all thy heart. When you realize the magnitude of the sacrifice that Christ made for us on the cross you can't help but have a passion for Christ and all he has done for us.

**8) Serving the Lord will develop a daily walk with him.** Joshua's commitment to God in **Joshua 24:15** is an everlasting testimony and example to us of what it means to place Christ first in our lives and to serve the Lord.