

## Doctrine of Walking

1. The mechanics of walking make for an excellent metaphor.
2. We are to walk in time appropriately because we were called in eternity past to produce divine good. We may, however, produce or not produce. It all depends on our attitude toward God's protocol.

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

Eph 2:9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which **God hath before ordained that we should walk** in them.

3. We walk as witnesses in the appeal phase of the angelic conflict.
4. Our walk must be a step at a time just as we redeem time on a moment-by-moment basis.

Col 4:5 Walk (**Peripateo**) in wisdom toward them that are without redeeming (**Exagarazo**) the time.

5. God has given us only so many minutes to redeem. Time was relinquished to Satan by the first Adam in the Garden. So what we think, say and do are all part of our redeeming time. We are continually on stage as witnesses in the conflict.
6. Like the baby who learns to walk by falling and then catching himself by taking a step, the believer's walk is a process of confession and moving forward in the Christian life; all the while maintaining a positive attitude toward the Word.
- 6.1 Walking provides a meaningful metaphor for moving forward a step at a time on the road to maturity.

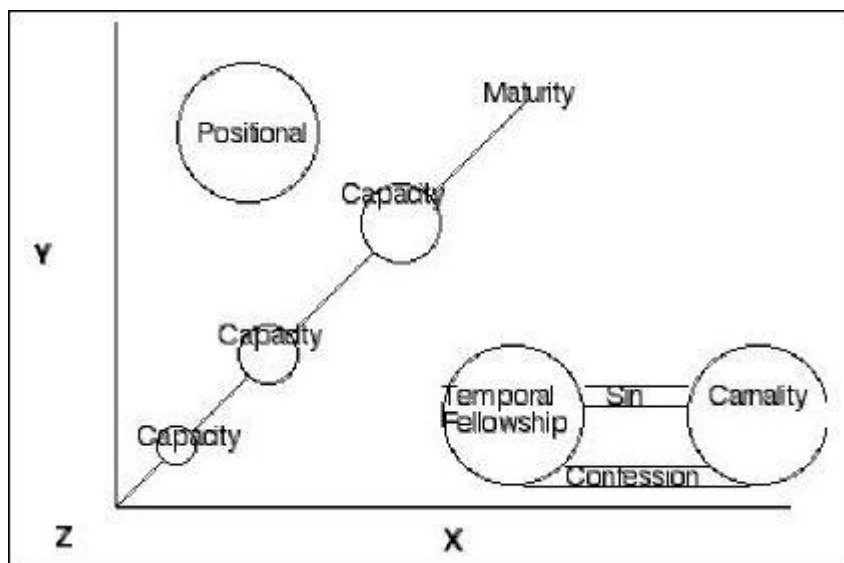
1Jo 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and **walk (Peripateo)** in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

1Jo 1:7 But if we **walk (Peripateo)** in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

1Jo 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

1Jo 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- 6.2 As a baby begins life without the ability to walk and must take in nourishment to build muscle and bone so also the believer starts out in time as a spiritual infant in need of spiritual food.



6.2.1 This principle is taught in numerous passages.

Heb 5:11 We have much to say about this, but it is hard to explain because you are slow to learn.

Heb 5:12 In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food!

Heb 5:13 Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness.

Heb 5:14 But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

1Co 3:1 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.

1Pe 2:2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

7. The mechanics of walking are related to the intake of the Word under the filling of the Spirit to avoid the domination of our old sin natures.

Rom 13:12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

Rom 13:13 Let us **walk (Peripateo)** honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

Rom 13:14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof.

2Pe 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

2Pe 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

8. Walking is also used to describe the life style of the unbeliever and the believer.

### 8.1 The Unbeliever

Eph 4:17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth **walk (Peripateo)** not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,

Col 3:6 For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:

Col 3:7 In the which ye also **walked (Peripateo)** some time, when ye lived in them.

### 8.2 Believers

Phi 3:15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

Phi 3:16 Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us **walk (Stoicheo)** by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.

Phi 3:17 Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which **walk (Peripateo)** so as ye have us for an example.

Phi 3:18 (For many **walk (Peripateo)**, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:

Phi 3:19 Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly (**Koilia**), and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)

Eph 4:1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that **ye walk (Peripateo)** worthy (**Axios**) of the vocation wherewith ye are called.

9. There are three spheres of walk for the positive believer.

### 9.1 In the Spirit

Gal 5:16 This I say then, **walk (Peripateo)** in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

### 9.2 By faith

2Co 5:7 (For we **walk (Peripateo)** by faith, not by sight:)

9.2.1 Our walk of Faith must be by means of the content found in the Mind of Christ.

9.2.2 Faith demands we accept the Word of God without question.

Col 2:6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so **walk** (**Peripateo**) ye in him:

Col 2:7 Rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith (by means of what you believe), as ye have been taught (DIDASKO) abounding therein with thanksgiving.

9.3 In the sphere of truth

3Jo 3 For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou **walkest** (**Peripateo**) in the truth (ALETHEIA).

10. Walking according to *Naves Topical Index*

10.1 With God,

Gen 3:8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

10.2 According to His commands,

Deu 5:33 Ye shall walk in all the ways which the LORD your God hath commanded you, that ye may live, and that it may be well with you, and that ye may prolong your days in the land which ye shall possess.

Psa 1:1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

Jer 7:23 But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.

10.3 As taught and directed by God,

Isa 2:3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

Isa 30:29 Ye shall have a song, as in the night when a holy solemnity is kept; and gladness of heart, as when one goeth with a pipe to come into the mountain of the LORD, to the mighty One of Israel.

Mic 4:1 But in the last ... the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established ... and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it.  
Mic 4:2 And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

Isa 30:20 And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity, and the water of affliction, yet shall not thy teachers be removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see thy teachers:

Isa 30:21 And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, **walk ye in it**, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

10.4 Uprightly,

Pro 2:7 He holds victory in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose **walk** is blameless,

10.5 In newness of life,

Rom 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should **walk** in newness of life.

10.6 In white clothing

Rev 3:4 Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall **walk** with me in white: for they are worthy.

10.6.1 Recall the dual meaning of the 7 Churches of Asia Minor; as a literal local assembly and as seven time periods through which the universal church would progress. Sardis as you may recall was that period A.D. 1517 until just before the Rapture, i.e., today.

10.7 Instances of walking:

10.7.1 Enoch

Gen 5:24 And Enoch **walked** with God: and he was not; for God took him.

10.7.2 Noah

Gen 6:9 These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah **walked** with God.

11. Let's look at a few uses of the four Greek words for walking. We will begin with the most common, **Peripateo**.

11.1 **Peripateo** can be found 106 times and it simply means to walk.

Mar 7:5 Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why **walk** not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashed hands?

Acts 21:21 And they are informed of thee, that thou teachest all the Jews which are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, saying that they ought not to circumcise their children, neither to **walk** after the customs.

Heb 13:9 Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that **have been occupied therein**.

11.2 **Emperipateo** can be found one time and means to walk in or among them.

2Co 6:16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and **walk in** them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

11.3 **Stoicheo** can be found five times and means to march in ranks.

Acts 21:24 Take these men, join in their purification rites and pay their expenses, so that they can have their heads shaved. Then everybody will know there is no truth in these reports about you, but that you yourself **walk** in obedience to the law.

Rom 4:11 And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. So then, he is the father of all who believe but have not been circumcised, in order that righteousness might be credited to them.

Rom 4:12 And he is also the father of the circumcised who not only are circumcised "but who also **walk**" in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised.

Rom 4:13 It was not through law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith.

Gal 5:25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us "**walk**" in the Spirit.

Gal 6:16 Peace and mercy to all who "**walk**" according to their new position in Christ, even to the Israel of God.

Phi 3:14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Phi 3:15 All of us who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you.

Phi 3:16 Only let us live up to that doctrine we have in our souls, let us "**walk**" by the same rule, let us mind the same things.

11.4 **Orthopodeo** can be found one time and means to walk in a straight path.

Gal 2:14 But when I saw that "they **walked** not" uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before them all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?

## 12. Conclusion

12.1 Adam and Eve walked in the Garden with God: "And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden." (Gen 3:8)

12.2 Walking is often used symbolically or figuratively of a believer's conduct or spiritual state. It was said of Enoch, the first prophet.

12.3 We are admonished to walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us.

Eph 5:2 And walk (**Peripateo**) in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savor.

2Jo 6 And this is love, that we walk (**Peripateo**) after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk (**Peripateo**) in it.

12.4 Walking in truth is held up as an example in Psa 26:3.

Psa 26:3 for your love is ever before me, and I "**walk**" continually in your truth.

Psa 26:4 I do not sit with deceitful men, nor do I consort with hypocrites;