

WALKING WITH GOD IS A HEAVENLY MINDSET

We need to develop spiritual mindfulness so that we quickly return our mind to be conscious of the presence of God when we are not required to be concentrating on legitimate business. We must quickly bring our thinking back from worldliness to remain in the spiritual mindset.

Only when our mind is set on the Spirit can we say that we are walking by the enabling all the Spirit of God. If we prefer to contemplate on the pleasures of the world, to imagine experiencing the wonders of the world, to set our minds on gaining all we can enjoy from what the world offers; or doing all we can to avoid suffering, we are doing no more than what the disposition of the natural man of the world naturally enjoys thinking about.

Walking by the Spirit is being spiritual, and this means we have the ability to pray always and not grieve the Spirit with worldliness. We can do better than just having a prayer schedule. We can: *'pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit.'*

1 Thess 5:17-19

Having a prayerful mindset means we can focus on the Spirit as we meditate on the things concerning the spiritual life which the Spirit prompts us to remember when we are available for Him. Being spiritual also means we are aware of the inner workings of our own mind so that we are able to take control of any errant thoughts and put temptation to death before it takes a hold of our acceptance.

The measure to uphold for the spiritual person is being motivated by the love and life of the indwelling Christ. This is only possible by submitting to the leading of the Spirit of God in obedience and truth. The body only acts on what is accepted first by the mind. For the mind is the will of the soul.

If we conclude that Jesus Christ does love us, we will trust Him, and in gratitude love Him in return. Only those who live for Him can live under the control of His love. *'For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.'*

2 Cor 5:14-15

Obedience to the will of God in all things doesn't happen without the mind being consciously disposed to the leading of Spirit. Only in submission to the Spirit,

with a will to be holy as He is Holy can we have insight into the mind of Christ. *'but just as it is written, "Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, And which have not entered the heart of man, All that God has prepared for those who love Him."* For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God.' 1 Cor 2:9-11

Walking with God requires obedience to God the Spirit; this means acting quickly on every verb, which are the action words He has written in the scriptures for us to do, which are for our good and the good of others so we glorify God.

An aimless mind, a worldly focused mind, a me-too mind, is not being led in submission to the Spirit, so that professions of faith have little Godly support for the disposition is more fleshly than spiritual. *'For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace.'* Romans 8:6

'So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.' Phil 2:12-13

God's will and work for His pleasure requires our minds and strength harnessed to working out what He is working in us. We must be mentally engaged with Him. The love of Christ controls those who have Him consciously on their minds so that they can walk with God.

To have faith that is not consciously engaged with Christ, is like baking a cake without enough heat in the oven, so the cake fails to rise to the occasion, resulting in an un-eatable flop.

Remember, God has said we need to love Him with all our minds and strength. This kind of devotion takes constant discipline and commitment. If it was easy, we would all be in heaven now.

Christ has given us the victory, if we abide in Him, with all our minds and strength. For without our minds and strength fixed on Him, we can do nothing to please Him.

Absent mindedness doesn't qualify for spirituality.

To walk with God we need to be mindful of God in all that we do and think.