

Weekly Devotional

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Walking In All His Ways

“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 that ye shall possess” (Deut. 5:33).

Our smaller roads in the mountains seem to attract all the walkers, joggers and bicycle riders in a 50 mile radius. And since I am constantly on these roads, I stay extremely concerned about someone stepping or riding out in front of my car. Yes, there are safety guidelines by which they are to abide, but often the guidelines are overlooked. I’m not against their exercise and enjoyment, but I want them to stay in the guidelines.

Throughout the book of Deuteronomy, the Lord explained to His people that He wanted them to abide by His guidelines. Here, He commanded them to “walk in all the ways which the LORD your God hath commanded you.” In several verses in the Old Testament, we have similar words concerning walking “in all His ways” (Deut. 10:12; 11:22; Josh. 22:5; 1 Kings. 2:3; 8:58).

In our last meditation, we noticed that God expressed His great desire for our obedience and service. His statement was, “O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear Me, and keep all My commandments always” (Deut. 5:29). Now, a few verses later, the great desire of His heart emerges again. Perhaps the significance of the subject will help us stay within the guidelines in our spiritual walk.

The ways in which we are to walk are ways of possibility! The text reads, “Ye shall!” “Ye shall walk in all the ways which the LORD your God has commanded you.” God never commands us to do anything that He will not enable us to do. Looking at our limitations, we feel that we could never walk in His ways. Examining our failures, we think we are not worthy to walk in His ways. But with His command comes His capability.

The ways in which we are to walk are ways of prosperity! We are to walk in all His ways, God said, “that ye may live, and that it may be well with you.” The message here is not just that of a health-wealth gospel. This is the Old Testament counterpart to Jesus’ words, “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you” (Matt. 6:33). The blessings of God are enjoyed by those who walk in all His ways.

The ways in which we are to walk are ways of perpetuity! In the last part of the verse, we are afforded further blessing: “and that ye shall prolong your days in the land that ye shall possess.” Staying in divine guidelines will keep us from being fatally injured on the road of life. Continuing in His ways guarantees continued blessing and fullness. May we strive to stay in the ways of divine abundance.