

## *Walking Worthy Of Our Calling*

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

The old trail on our property had become blocked by fallen limbs, infested with briars and bushes, and little saplings had become small trees. Because it was impossible for anyone to walk in the trail, I paid a friend to cut down the trees, dispose of the limbs, and clear out the briars and brambles. And with his front-end loader, he scraped the trail, widened it some, leveled it out and made it useful to the family.

I should confess that we have reached a point in life where we do not enjoy walking on public trails or tracks. On some days, there are too many walkers and joggers. Then, on other days, people recognize us and want to talk a while. Too, you have to drive several miles to the location. At any rate, now I have no alibi; I have no excuse. We have our own trail through the woods and we can walk on our own property.

As our family walks on our own trail, so Paul exhorts believers to walk in their own calling. The word “vocation” in the text before us is the same word that is rendered “calling” elsewhere in this Epistle (see 1:18; 4:4). The phrase might read, then, “that ye walk worthy of the calling wherewith you are called.” We don’t have to attempt to walk in someone else’s calling; we can walk in our own calling. A few special thoughts have passed through my heart and mind.

*Walking worthy of our calling signals that we are aware of our calling!* Those who walk on in their selfish ways have never been effectually called to God. On the other hand, those who know the Lord has called them from their old lifestyle unto Himself desire to walk with Him in the way of holiness. As Paul wrote to the Thessalonians, “For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness” (1 Thes. 4:7).

*Walking worthy of our calling suggests that we are aligned with our calling!* The word “worthy” indicates “suitable, or agreeable.” The message set forth is that we do not just walk in a religious way, a different way, a Bible-toting way. By virtue of regeneration, we have received a nature that corresponds to God. We walk in a way, therefore, that parallels and is agreeable with our calling.

*Walking worthy of our calling says that we are advancing in our calling!* In an earlier meditation, we realized that to walk with God is to move through life with God. This spiritual movement is not temporary, but is manifested in constant progress and advancement all the way to heaven. “That ye would walk worthy of God, Who hath called you unto His kingdom and glory” (1 Thes. 2:12).