

How Are You Walking?

There are two ways of walking through life -

1. Spiritual
2. Carnal

Spiritual. The Bible give two very clear and distinct illustrations.

First - Moses.

Walking through the desert he saw a bush. It was a bush on fire, but did not turn the bush into ashes, Exodus 3:1-2.

That burning bush was greater than a sign post. It stopped Moses in his tracks.

Had it been a signpost Moses would still have seen it, and glanced at it to make sure he was heading in the right direction, and kept going.

But this bush was greater than a signpost, for it spoke to him. Moses stopped. A voice from the bush told him to remove his shoes for "...he was standing on Holy Ground", Exodus 3:5.

The bush continued, turning Moses towards another direction. This time, not to look after his father-in-laws sheep, but his Heavenly Father's sheep.

The burning bush made a spiritual impact on Moses. He walked with the Lord. He received power from his connection to the Lord. He did works that were never surpassed by any man.

And that walk is still the walk our Heavenly Father wants us to take each and every day.

It is a Spiritual walk. It is to be connected to our Lord.

John, in his Gospel, records the following words of Jesus for us, "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples", John 15:4-8.

In this passage, Jesus is offering Himself as a root from which believers

can come forth as a bud and grow into branches.

Thus our life in Jesus is a connected life with Him through which the believer can walk in the same spiritual manner.

The fruits then are the works that are spiritually manifested through us, and are a work that cannot be manifested through a carnal man.

The three main fruits are,

1. Compassion,
2. Love,
3. Hospitality,

all of which are found in God's dealing with the Israelites in their release from their Egyptian captivity, and time in the wilderness.

Carnal

Not surprisingly, there are no Scriptures within the Bible on how to walk carnally!

However, as with the Spiritual (above), the Bible does give us two very clear and distinct illustrations of the carnal walking.

Paul states, "For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God", Romans 8:5-8.

It soon becomes clear in this passage that carnal flesh can only be satisfied with carnal accomplishment of the mind.

Because the carnal mind is working against - not with - God, the carnal mind can only be an enemy of God; thus carnality in man is the ticket for a spiritual death throughout eternity.

To sum up, the Holy Spirit brings liberty; the spirit of carnality brings bondage to death.