

PAUL'S SECOND EPISTLE TO THE CORINTHIANS

LEARNING HOW TO BE A HEAVENLY CHURCH IN A CARNAL WORLD

2 CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 12:16-21

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BY THE WAY YOU WALK

developing and maintaining your new life in Christ.

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Introduction to the Text;

2nd Corinthians 12:16-21

What comes to mind when you think of a “notable” walk? I think of the most famous walk of all – John Wayne.

There are other famous “walks” out there like that of Charlie Chaplin...

Or maybe Jack Sparrow or maybe your own walk....

Just as there are certain “walks” that you can identify from a mile away. – So it is true for the Christian as well.

2 Corinthians 12:16-21

But be that as it may, I did not burden you. Nevertheless, being **crafty**, I **caught** you by **cunning**! **17** Did I take **advantage** of you by any of those whom I sent to you? **18a** I urged Titus, and sent our brother with him. Did Titus take **advantage** of you? **18b** Did we not **walk** in the **same spirit**? Did we not walk in the **same steps**? **:19** Again, do you think that we **excuse** ourselves to you? We speak before God in Christ. But we do all things, **beloved**, for your **edification**. **20** For I fear lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I wish, and that I shall be found by you such as you do not wish; lest there be **contentions**, **jealousies**, **outbursts** of **wrath**, selfish **ambitions**, **backbiting's**, **whisperings**, **conceits**, **tumults**; **21** lest, when I come again, my God will humble me among you, and I shall mourn for many who have sinned before and have not **repented** of the **uncleanness**, **fornication**, and **lewdness** which they have **practiced**.

Profiling is big business. Make no mistake about it,
there are people trained to identify “indicators” or “marks” that speak in advance of a persons intentions. (their eyes, the neck, the body movement, even the way someone walks)

BY THE WAY YOU WALK

1.) They can tell by your witness

v. 16-18a

BY THE WAY YOU WALK

THEY CAN TELL BY YOUR WITNESS

1a.) By your Christlike example

v. 16-17

But be that as it may, I did not burden you. Nevertheless, being **crafty**, I **caught** you by **cunning**! **17** Did I take **advantage** of you by any of those whom I sent to you
our “witness” is our legacy that speaks.

Its what we display now – it's what we leave after were gone.

1 Corinthians 2:1-4

And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. 2 For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. 3 I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. 4 And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in the **demonstration of the Spirit and of power,**

there was nothing tricky or deceptive about the ministry.

Note- Jesus' example of ministry – so manly, loving, firm, gentle and holy confrontational, all in the same life.

1 Timothy 6:13

I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus who **witnessed** the good confession before Pontius Pilate,

My Heart is Sick as I watch Iraq

Revelation 20:4

And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their **witness** to Jesus and for the word of God,

**BY THE WAY YOU WALK
THEY CAN TELL BY YOUR WITNESS**

1b.) By your integrity toward others v. 18a

I **urged** Titus, and sent our brother with him. Did Titus take **advantage** of you?

Urged παρακαλέω **parakaleo**, *par-ak-al-eh'-o*; to call near, to impart, to stamp or to “hand-carry” or to be one with.

Does Our Walk-Witness Have “Integrity” the one true mark of “walking in the spirit” is a manifest “singleness or devoted or holiness of living” integrity, honesty, discerning, trustworthy, faithful, devotion...

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THEY CAN TELL BY YOUR WITNESS**

1c.) By your fear of the Lord

Did Titus take **advantage** of you?

Paul is saying, Titus represented me, together we represented Jesus.

Advantage

πλεονεκτέω **pleonekteo**, *pleh-on-cek-teh'-o*; to desire what you have. to over-reach, to use you to make a personal gain.

That truth weighs heavily upon our souls today –
to be **PREOCCUPIED** with never misrepresenting God before others.

Proverbs 3:7b

Fear the LORD and depart from evil.

You and I are very much responsible for how people view God.
The possibility of “Disqualification” is a real and terrifying reality to the Christian.

Hebrews 12:14

Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: 15 looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;

BY THE WAY YOU WALK

2.) They can see by your passion v. 18b-19

**BY THE WAY YOU WALK
THEY CAN SEE BY YOUR PASSION**

2a.) As you walk in the same spirit v. 18b

18b Did we not walk in the same spirit?

The "Walk" here means
περιπατέω peripateo, *per-ee-pat-eh'-o*; from to tread all around, to walk before the public. to walk at large. to live openly.

Note that Paul say's "the same (s)pirit"
This is not the Holy Spirit, but my spirit, your spirit – the eternal you.

Here's His Grand Assumption,

Because we are led by God the Holy Spirit, we are naturally-supernaturally united within our spirit = **together as one!**

Acts 2:42

And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, (*koinonia - together as one*) in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. 43 Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done

Romans 8:14

For as many as are led (*guided, directed, "trimmed"*) by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

Christian – This is a Telling Reality + Our Witness.

Galatians 5:16-21

I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. :19 Now **the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. :22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. 24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.**

>>> **The Cross, The Christ, The Call** <<<<

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