

WALK PROPERLY, AS IN THE DAY

Rom 13 ¹¹ And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. ¹² The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

¹³ Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. ¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

* **How does** Paul's conclusion to this passage (ch 12-13) echo its beginning?

Rm 12.1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service [i.e. worship].

Rm 13.14 Put on the Lord Jesus Christ

Rm 12.2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God ...

Rom 13.12 ... let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy ... ¹⁴ ... make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

* **What important** truth is operating in the background?

Prov 8:12 "I, Wisdom, dwell with prudence [craft] ... ¹⁴ ... I am understanding, I have strength ... ¹⁷ I love those who love me, and those who diligently seek me will find me ... ²² The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his way, before his works of old. ²³ I have been established from everlasting ... ³⁰ ... I was beside [the LORD] as a master craftsman; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him,

Jn 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through Him ... ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father ... ¹⁸ No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

Prov 8:31 [M]y delight was with the sons of men. ³² Now therefore, listen to me my children, for blessed are those who keep my ways ... ³⁵ For whoever finds me finds life, and obtains favor from the LORD; ³⁶ But he who sins against me [lit., who goes off target, who goes off the path that I point down] wrongs his own soul [lit., does violence to his own soul, injures his own soul]; All those who hate me love death."

* **Who hates** us and loves to see us harm, abuse, and degrade ourselves, body and soul?

Luke 1:68 "Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed His people ... ⁷¹ That we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us

John 8:44 Jesus: "[T]he devil ... was a murderer from the beginning, and ... he is a liar and the father of it [i.e. lying]."

1Pet 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

Mark 9.17 "Teacher, ... my son ... has a ... spirit ¹⁸ ... [that] throws him down ... ²² [a]nd often has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him"

Mark 5.2 there met Him ... a man with an unclean spirit, ... ⁵ and always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones.

* **What's another** way Satan gets people to abuse and abase themselves?

Col 2:20-23 ²⁰ [I]f you died with Christ from the basic principles of the world, why, as though living in the world, do you subject yourselves to regulations — ²¹ "Do not touch, do not taste, do not handle," ²² which all concern things which perish with the using — according to the commandments and doctrines of men? ²³ These things indeed have an appearance of wisdom in self-imposed religion, false humility, and neglect of the body, but are of no value against the indulgence of the flesh.

* **What is** the nature of all things God created, and what is the nature of evil?

* **Satan uses** " _____ " to keep us from seeing the way things really are (12).

– "Revelry and drunkenness" (13)

Eccl 10.16 Woe to you, O land, when your king is a child, and your princes feast in the morning! 17 Blessed are you, O land, when your king is the son of nobles, and your princes feast at the proper time—for strength and not for drunkenness!

– “Lewdness and lust” (13)

(2) Remember _____ our example.

– “Strife and envy” (13)

Heb 12.1-28 ¹ [L]et us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls ...

James 1.17 Every good gift and perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights

Psalm 16.11 In Your presence is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures [i.e. delights] forevermore.

(3) Devotion to _____ another in two ways:

* **The more** society celebrates the works of darkness, the more it makes sin seem _____ and righteousness seem _____. (1Jn 2.15-17)

(a) _____ one another.

Heb 3.13 exhort one another daily, while it is called “Today,” lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

* **Also, the** easier it will be for our love to grow _____.

(b) Do _____ to one another.

Mt 24.12 “Because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold”

Gal 6.9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. *10* Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Rom 1. 28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; *29* being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, *30* backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, *31* undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful

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Three biblical measure to help ward off the darkness and its allies:

(1) Devotion to the _____ of God.

2Pet 1.19 And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;

Phil 2.15 that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶ holding fast the word of life