

# The Walk of a Man who Knows God

## Identifying the Essential Characteristics of a Godly Man

*Introduction:*

Notes:

**Thomas Watson** (? - 1689 [?]) said –

*“Look at the saints’ characteristics here, and never leave off till you have got them stamped upon your own soul.”<sup>1</sup>*

*Three characteristics found in 3 men to describe the walk of a man who knows God:*

### 1 – **HUMILITY: HE WALKS IN HUMILITY** (*the Apostle Paul*)

Scripture Passages:

Matt 5:3; Is 66:2; Ps 34:18; 51:17; Is 57:15.

**Augustine** (A.D. 354-430):

For those who would learn God’s ways,  
humility is the first thing,  
humility is the second,  
humility is the third.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Thomas Watson, *The Godly Man’s Picture* (Carlisle, Penn: Banner of Truth Trust, 2003), 8.

<sup>2</sup> Simon J. Kistemaker and William Hendriksen, vol. 17, *New Testament Commentary : Exposition of the Acts of the Apostles*, New Testament Commentary (Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1953-2001), 725.

**Thomas Watson** - *"His heart is as low as his condition."*<sup>3</sup>

Notes:

**Calvin** (1509-1564) - *"Let him, instead of this, employ himself in correcting and detecting his faults, and he will have abundant occasion for humility."*<sup>4</sup>

*\*What sort of man are you? How do you walk? Do you walk in humility?*

<sup>3</sup> Watson, 77.

<sup>4</sup> John Calvin and John Pringle, *Commentaries on the Epistles of Paul the Apostle to the Philippians, Colossians, and Thessalonians* (Bellingham, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc., 2010), 53.

2 – LOVE: HE WALKS IN LOVE (*the Apostle John*)

Scripture Passages:

Mark 9:38; Luke 9:49; Mk 9:2-9, 34-37; 1 Jn 3:11, 14, 17-18, 23; 4:7-8, 11-12, 20-21.

**Jonathan Edwards** (1703-1758) -

*"[Love] is the life and soul of all religion, without which all things that wear the name of 'virtues' are empty and vain."*<sup>5</sup>

Notes:

**Thomas Watson** said, *"Love should expire only with our life."*<sup>6</sup>

*\*What sort of man are you? How do you walk? Do you walk in love?*

<sup>5</sup> Jonathan Edwards, *Charity and Its Fruits: Christian Love as Manifested in the Heart and Life*, ed. by Don Kistler (Orlando, Flor: Soli Deo Gloria Publications, 2005), 4.

<sup>6</sup> Watson, 142.

### 3 – TRUTH: HE WALKS IN THE TRUTH (*David*)

#### Scripture Passages:

Ps 15:1-2; Ex 18:21; Ps 51:6; Ps 139: 1-7, 13, 23-24; Ps 19:7-9, 12-13; Ps 25:5; Jn 6:68; Ps 31:5; Is 65:16; Col 1:5; 2 Tim 2:15; James 1:18; Ps 40:10; Ps 86:11.

**Thomas Watson** calls this, "*calling [your] heart to account.*"<sup>7</sup>

*\*What sort of man are you? How do you walk? Do you walk in the truth?*

"Do you wish to rise? Begin by descending. You plan a tower that will pierce the clouds? Lay first the foundation of humility."<sup>8</sup>

– **Augustine**

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<sup>7</sup> Watson, 168.

<sup>8</sup> David Walls and Max Anders, vol. 11, *I & II Peter, I, II & III John, Jude*, Holman New Testament Commentary; Holman Reference (Nashville, TN: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1999), 86.

## Remember

Our responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:12-13; 1 Tim 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

- » How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?
- » How can I accomplish this change?
- » What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

