I John 2:6 "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked."



Is your walk and your talk like Jesus? Do you walk and talk like Him?

The following quotes are from a sermon by C. H. Spurgeon titled, 'In Him: Like Him' on May 17th 1883.

"If we talk, we must walk, or it will, be mere talk. If we make the profession of abiding in Christ, we must prove it by our practice of walking with Christ. If we say that we are in Christ and abide in him, we must take care that our life and character are conformed to Christ, or else we shall be making an empty boast."

"The most persuasive sermon is the example which leads the way."

"If Jesus bids us do anything, he first does it himself. He has left his footprints that we may set our feet in them."

"It is taken for granted that when we enter the service of Jesus we by that act and deed undertake by his help to follow his example."

"When we took Christ's cross to be our salvation we took it also to be our heavenly burden. When we yielded ourselves up to Christ to be saved by him, we in spirit renounced every sin. We felt that we had come out from under the yoke of Satan, and that we made no reserve for the lusts of the flesh that we might obey them, but bowed our necks to the yoke of the Lord Jesus. We put ourselves into Christ's hands unreservedly, and we said, 'Lord, sanctify me, and then use me. Take my body and all its members; take my mind and all its faculties; take my spirit and all the new powers which thou hast bestowed upon me with it; and let all these be thine. Reign in me; rule me absolutely, sovereignly, always and alone. I do not ask to be my own, for I am not my own, I am bought with a price.""

"You may teach your children at home, or teach them in the Sunday-school class; but if they see your lives to be Christless, prayerless, godless, they will not learn any good from you. They will rather learn from what you do amiss, than from what you say that is right."

"Are not actions far more forcible than words?"

My mother quoted this phrase frequently to us as children: Your actions speak louder than your words.

I remember when it was the Christian fad to wear a bracelet that quoted: 'WWJD – What would Jesus do?'

I remember more than once being disappointed at someone's behavior or speech who was wearing this bracelet. I was glad when the fad seemed to disappear. I fear too many Christian's tainted the name of God with their speech or actions.

In order to walk and talk like Jesus, we have to know Him.

1 Peter 1:15, "But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;"

Matthew 11:29, "Take my yoke upon you, and <u>learn of me</u>; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."

Romans 8:29, "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren."

To conform to the image of Christ, we must be in His Word, obeying his commands and allowing Him to transform our hearts and minds.

Luke 14:27, "And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple."

1 Corinthians 13:1, "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal."

A Christian who does not walk and talk like Jesus, makes a lot of noise but the sound is not pleasing.

John 14:15, "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

What a great verse to end with! As we keep God's commandments and walk and talk like Jesus, we are demonstrating our love to others and to Him. I believe our obedience puts a smile on His face and brings Him joy!

