



- The Christian life is a step-by-step, day-by-day walk with God. It is not a 50-yard dash. The Christian life is a marathon.
- Every believer must learn to walk with God day by day, over the long haul. How can you do this?

First, by recognizing your need for the _____ of Christian friends - vs. 4-7

- Paul was a mighty apostle with dynamic gifts, yet he recognized his need for Christian friends.
- Fellowship is a vital part of the Christian walk. It carries the idea of sharing things in _____ with others.
- Fellow believers are our spiritual _____.
- *"For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named."* **Ephesians 3:14-15**
- *"But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another. And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia: but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more."* **1 Thessalonians 4:9-10**
- Fellowship with other believers is crucial for a fruitful, day-by-day, Christian walk. 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13
 - ⇒ It provides accountability in our walk.

- ⇒ We _____ from each other.
- ⇒ We discover each other's needs.
- ⇒ It is often the stimulus for _____.

Second, by maintaining a _____ attitude
– vs. 7-12

- *“Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.”*
Ephesians 5:14
- *“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.”* **1 Peter 5:8**
- Maybe you are spiritually drowsy, but you haven't even recognized it in yourself.

Third, by taking times of _____ with God
– vs. 13-14

- Having a daily time of solitude with God is precisely what brings _____ to our lives. It provides us a sense of peace and tranquility, even in times of pain and distress.
Philippians 4:6-7
- Do you have a regular time and place that you _____ with God daily? You desperately need this if you are to walk with God over the long haul.