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V. 1-“a prisoner for the Lord”

1. The depth and urgency of your walk with God is sometimes connected to whom you compare yourself to.

V. 1 “walk”

- περιπατήσαι (aorist active infinitive) aorist=snapshot/completed action, inf.=“verbal noun”

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4. He's not just saying balance out your life, rather make sure nothing else “unbalances” your walk by adding to or detracting from HIS calling.

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5. Our personal conduct does not live isolated from corporate responsibility.

V. 1 “calling and called”

6. Your walk is directly related to your understanding of God’s calling. If you don’t understand what calling is you can do walking.

V. 2 “In humility”

- In Greek culture, humility was thought of as a vice, to be practiced only by slaves

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“gentleness”

- This is the opposite of self-assertion, rudeness, and harshness. It suggests having one’s emotions under control. But it does not suggest weakness. It is the mean between one who is angry all the time and one who is never angry.

“patience”

- never giving in even in times of adversity
- It is the self-restraint which does not hastily retaliate a wrong

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7. The form of our life is connected to fruit that flows from our life.

V.3 “eager to maintain”

- (present participle)-means we must constantly be endeavoring to maintain this unity

v. 3 “Unity of the spirit”

- Concern for peace will mean that Christians will lovingly tolerate each other, even when they have differences.

8. The more lowly-mindedness the more like-mindedness.