

A Regular Pedestrian Life

Jn 12:24 — Are you living a regular pedestrian life? Unless the seed dies, the seed goes on to live his regular pedestrian life. A *pedestrian* is a person who is walking in a natural way, carrying on his or her life in the worldly affairs common to natural men.

pedestrian — *n.* someone who is traveling on foot; *adj.*, ordinary, unimaginative, or uninspired.

The word *pedestrian* pertains to the common people, *plebeians*, carrying on a common life as all others in this world, involved in regular civilian affairs, walking as Eph 4:17 instead of Eph 4:16.

Eph 4:16 stands in stark contrast to verse 17 — a regular pedestrian who walks according to this world, in worldly affairs which no true soldier can possibly do (2 Tim 2:4). The meaning of the word *pedestrian* is clearly spelled out in Eph 4:17, as in folly, vanity, emptiness, and futility, but assuming that he has really heard His voice as Jn 18:37 and 10:27 and been taught the truth by Him (Isa 54:13; Jn 6:45).

Such is the great assumption of one who is still walking as the Gentiles in the futility of their minds, without Acts 2:42 and 1 Jn 2:27 in preparation for 1 Jn 2:28. To be taught by God, the one Spirit in Eph 4:4-6, one must walk or live his life in the Body of Messiah, where our Master is, and only there can one serve Him and walk as He walked (1 Jn 2:6). This walking is not as regular pedestrians of the world who may claim to know Him, but cannot obey His commandments on the broad road they are walking on (1 Jn 2:4), which indicates that they are liars and the truth is not in them.

1 Jn 2:5 is impossible in the world, carrying on regular civilian affairs and pursuits, as 1 Jn 2:4 gives clear warning, and the whole letter of First John was written to expose (1 Jn 5:12-13) whether one is living that life of 1 Jn 3:16,23 which indicates whether one has passed out of death and into life (Jn 5:24; 1 Jn 3:14). As 1 Jn 2:5 says, by this we may perceive and know and recognize and be sure that we are in Him, for if

we are not in Him, never having been baptized into Him, we are merely pedestrians, common, everyday people like everyone else, except we “go to church” every Sunday morning and watch TV Sunday night, and live or walk as the rest of the world during the week — that is, not spending our time *in the church* every day, all the time, doing what all who are in Him do (Eph 4:16).

We *live* in the church, spend all our days and nights *there*, where He is, serving Him and being honored by the Father of us both (Jn 12:26), and we do this only because of Jn 12:24-25. For unless the seed dies — a grain of wheat dies, falls into the earth and dies — it remains as it is; it goes on walking in the worldly affairs. It has no possibility to do or to walk in the works prepared for him to do in the Body (Eph 4:16), for unless it dies it keeps on living or walking according to the world’s affairs (Eph 4:17) as a common, everyday pedestrian, doing what the common, worldly person does and must do in order to maintain his life in the world.

Mt 6:31-33 shows two different kinds of walks: the first as the world survives, and the second how the Body of Messiah maintains itself (Eph 4:1-3; Phil 2:1-5), which is impossible for the common folk of this world. Only by 1 Cor 12:13 can one live no longer as the pedestrians of this world on the broad road which ends in destruction.

The words *walk* and *live* have the same meaning. To live or walk as the Son of God is to be in the world, but not of it (Jn 17:14-18), not isolated but insulated. Gal 3:27 is the only way to walk as He walked — in Him — as we all conform to this new culture, which is the light of the world and the salt of the earth (Mt 5:13-16). No longer do we (due to the fact that we now have a brand new culture) conform to this world and its worldly affairs (Rom 12:1-2). We insulate ourselves every morning and evening by putting on Messiah to keep us pure and wholesome for His use, to walk as He walked in this world — not as a regular pedestrian.

Paul said that *no* soldier when in service gets involved in worldly affairs or civilian life. If he is serving in any other way than Jn 12:26, it means that he did not do verses 25

and 24. He did not hate his life in this world, so his seed never died, so he is still the same old man. Rom 6:2-5 was never reality.

2 Tim 2:3-7 (Amplified) are the rules of the game, relating to the commandments of our Master and Savior. Jn 14:15,21 — Lest one be as verse 24, and how many have there been who couldn't play by the rules of the game, who never achieved 2 Tim 2:7, as Jn 14:21 promises? He could never disclose Himself to them, nor could He honor (Jn 12:26) those who could not serve Him without fear (Lk 1:74) — fear that they may not derive all the glory they wanted, fear of being taken advantage of, all the fears of Seth and Amatz and so many others. What they feared in the imaginations of their perverted minds and souls came upon them. Their souls were unable to be saved — put straight — as we are living the way we do in order to save our souls (Jms 1:21) — to restore the soul to completeness. They could never attain to verse 22, for it takes a community, and to live or walk *there* (Jn 12:26) takes His Spirit dwelling in us, to serve Him without fear.