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## **Daily Verse and Comment**

## **Hebrews 11:5**

(5) By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

King James Version

Nearly fifty times in the New Testament, walking is used as a metaphor to describe how we live our daily lives. These numerous references signify just how important this concept is to <u>God</u>. For instance, Paul exhorts us to make our walk a worthy one (<u>Colossians 1:10</u>), one accomplished by <u>faith</u> and not sight (<u>II Corinthians 5:7</u>).

Enoch walked with God for 300 years (<u>Genesis 5:22</u>, 24). For three centuries, Enoch included God in every aspect of his life. In other words, wherever Enoch was, God was. In life, they were inseparable partners. We can please God as Enoch did by following his example.

How do we include God in *every* aspect of our lives as Enoch did in such an exemplary way? How do we ensure that God is wherever we are? Striving to <u>pray always</u> accomplishes both. It is a major element in walking with God.

How do we compare to Enoch's example? Can God say of us what He says about Enoch, that He is a partner in every aspect of our lives? Rather than running from God as a <u>Laodicean</u> would, Enoch *wanted* God to be present and involved in his life. He willingly and without fear subjected himself to God's minute evaluation and examination because of their intimate relationship developed through time and contact.

Enoch's walk with God is an example of a life lived with true dedication, and it can be the same for us. Praying always clearly demonstrates the true intent of the heart and our true dedication to God. The first Great Commandment is

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to "<u>love</u> the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind" (<u>Matthew 22:36-38</u>). Because it is first, we will probably be evaluated on it most thoroughly. Praying always demonstrates our desire to comply with it.

— Pat Higgins

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