



Don't just walk the walk, talk the talk

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

From the Law of Moses

4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. 5 Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 9 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

Psalm 105:1-2

An exhortation from the Psalms

1 Oh, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples! 2 Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; Talk of all His wondrous works!

Malachi 3:16

At the end of the Old Testament

16 Then those who feared the LORD talked with each other, and the LORD listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the LORD and honored his name.

Luke 24:13-17

On the day of Jesus' resurrection

13 Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. 15 As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; 16 but they were kept from recognizing him. 17 He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

Colossians 4:6

An instruction from the Apostle Paul

6 Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Rationale for talking the talk

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- ▲ *God's grace and goodness are too great for us to keep quiet*
- ▲ *Spiritual subjects are too significant for us to keep quiet*
- ▲ *Words are too weighty and worthwhile for us to keep quiet*

Resistance to talking the talk

Colossians 4:6 Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

- ▲ *Some think spiritual talk is too personal or private*
- ▲ *Some think spiritual talk is too pious or prideful*
- ▲ *Some think spiritual talk is too paltry or petty*
- ▲ *Some think spiritual talk is too pesky or perturbing*

Rules for talking the talk

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- ▲ *Consider the proper settings for spiritual talk*
– family – friends – the faithful – the faithless
- ▲ *Consider the proper subjects of spiritual talk*
– praises – promotions – principles and priorities – professions – prayers
- ▲ *Consider the proper spirit of spiritual talk*
– accurate assertions and articulations – appropriate attitudes

Results of talking the talk

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- ▲ *Spiritual conversations intensify your focus*
- ▲ *Spiritual conversations individualize your faith*
- ▲ *Spiritual conversations impact your family and friends*
- ▲ *Spiritual conversations impress your Father*