

Biblical Pictures of the Christian Life

Christian Life as a Journey

Gen 17:1-2 (NIV) When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; **walk** before me and be blameless. 2 I will confirm my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers."

Deut 5:32-33 (NIV) So be careful to do what the LORD your God has commanded you; do not **turn aside** to the right or to the left. 33 **Walk** in all the way that the LORD your God has commanded you, so that you may live and prosper and prolong your days in the land that you will possess.

Psa 1:1 (NIV) Blessed is the man who does not **walk** in the counsel of the wicked or **stand** in the way of sinners or **sit** in the seat of mockers.

Prov 5:5-6 (NIV) Her [adulteress'] feet go down to death; her steps lead straight to the grave. 6 She gives no thought to the **way of life**; her paths are crooked, but she knows it not.

Prov 6:22-23 (NIV) When you **walk**, they [commands] will guide you; when you sleep, they will watch over you; when you awake, they will speak to you. 23 For these commands are a lamp, this teaching is a light, and the corrections of discipline are the way to life,

Prov 12:28 (NIV) In the way of righteousness there is life; **along that path** is immortality.

Prov 16:17 (NIV) The **highway** of the upright avoids evil; he who guards his way guards his life.

Jer 21:8-9 (NIV) "Furthermore, tell the people, 'This is what the LORD says: See, I am setting before you the **way of life** and the way of death. 9 Whoever stays in this city will die by the sword, famine or plague. But whoever goes out and surrenders to the Babylonians who are besieging you will live; he will escape with his life.

Micah 4:5 (NIV) All the nations may walk in the name of their gods; we will **walk** in the name of the LORD our God for ever and ever.

Rom 4:12 (NIV) And he is also the father of the circumcised who not only are circumcised but who also **walk in the footsteps of the faith** that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised.

1 John 1:6-7 (NIV) If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. 7 But if we **walk in the light**, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

Christian Life as a Race

Acts 20:24 (NIV) However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may **finish the race** and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me--the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace.

1Cor 9:24-27 (NIV) Do you not know that in a **race** all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. 25 Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. 26 Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air. 27 No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.

Gal 2:2 (NIV) I went in response to a revelation and set before them the gospel that I preach among the Gentiles. But I did this privately to those who seemed to be leaders, for fear that I was running or had **run my race** in vain.

Gal 5:7 (NIV) You were **running a good race**. Who cut in on you and kept you from obeying the truth?

2Tim 4:7-8 (NIV) I have fought the good fight, I have **finished the race**, I have kept the faith. 8 Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day--and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Heb 12:1-3 (NIV) Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the **race** marked out for us. 2 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Hebr 12:12 (NIV) Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees.

13 "Make level **paths for your feet**," so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed.

Christian Life as Warfare

1Cor 9:26-27 (NIV) Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not **fight** like a man beating the air. 27 No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.

2Cor 10:4-5 (NIV) The **weapons we fight with** are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 5 We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

Eph 6:10-18 (NIV) Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

11 Put on the **full armor of God** so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

1Tim 1:18 (NIV) Timothy, my son, I give you this instruction in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by following them you may **fight the good fight**,

1Tim 6:12 (NIV) **Fight the good fight of the faith**. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

2Tim 4:7-8 (NIV) I have **fought the good fight**, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day--and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Christian Life as Day's Work

Job 7:1-3 (NIV) "Does not man have hard service on earth? **Are not his days like those of a hired man?** 2 Like a slave longing for the evening shadows, or a hired man waiting eagerly for his wages, 3 so I have been allotted months of futility, and nights of misery have been assigned to me.

Matt 20:1-16 *Parable of the Vineyard Workers*

John 9:4 (NIV) As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when **no one can work**.