



# WALKING WITH GOD CHECKLIST



Use the following checklist to evaluate if you are characterized by walking with God on His terms or your terms.

Confess the items checked to God with your discipler or a friend.

**Lies you may believe to validate your experience, feelings and logic to convince yourself you are right and God is wrong:**

- Believing God is distant and doesn't want to be involved in your daily life
- Believing God doesn't love you just as much when you are sinning as when you are obedient
- Believing God doesn't love you at all
- Believing God has rejected, failed, abandoned, forsaken you
- Believing you deserve a better life
- Believing you must sanctify yourself
- Believing God is *not* working all things for your good, rejecting the concept of God's goodness (Rom. 8:28; Ps. 52:1)
- Equating God's goodness with making life easy for you and eliminating your suffering.
- Not accepting God's expressions of goodness in the midst of your suffering and His desire to encourage you toward His goals
- Believing you are a "victim" of God-ordained suffering in your life
- Believing He is not sufficient or effective in His ability to minister to your neediness

**Sinful attitudes and actions that are a result of a wrong view of God**

- Being performance-oriented
- Striving to please Him through your own efforts and your own resources
- Presenting your own righteousness to Christ; taking credit for your obedience (Is. 64:6)
- Believing you should not suffer because you have tried to please God
- Establishing the goal of and striving for perfection
- Seeking "formulas" for successful living
- Being "driven" to succeed
- Living a rebellious, sinful life without repentance

- Being angry at God, His plan for your life and/or others who are difficult people
- Claiming the “rights” to suppress, escape, manipulate or control to receive what you believe you must have
- Having a prevailing ungrateful attitude toward God, life, others and circumstances
- Hardening your heart and numbing your spirit toward God and others
- Believing your whining, self-pity, anger or unwillingness to accept your form(s) of suffering will change God’s terms of relating to you
- Comparing your life to others and feeling either superior or inferior, jealous, angry, discontentment
- Establishing and pursuing self-life goals, demanding that your personal rights and perceived needs be met by God and others
- Seeking security, power, purpose, sufficiency, affirmation and satisfaction through your idols and false identities
- Refusing to believe that because God is your creator and you are His creation, He knows what is best for you and how best to relate to you

### **Evidences you have erected a barrier between you and God**

- A lack of experiencing God’s intimacy, fellowship, power, blessings, fruit
- Not knowing how to “connect” with Him
- An anger toward God
- A self-trust, relying upon your own feelings, experience, logic, common sense to determine your relationship with God
- A self-sufficiency, relying upon your goals, idols, false identities, controlling strategies to replace your provision in and through Christ
- An excuse, which you believe is valid, to rebel against submission to God and His Word
- An inability to “rest” in Christ and His sovereign will for your life
- A determination that you know better than God what is best for your life

After you have finished checking the ways your walk with God on your terms, confess them to God. You may want to include your discipler or another witness for your confession.