

## Our Walk Talks

### ***Introduction***

Read the following or relate it in your own words.

Our walk talks, yes, it does. We may say whatever we want, but our actions will prove just how truthful our words are. Excuses count for nothing. We are either in earnest or not. We must learn to have determination and diligence to bring our actions in accord with our words. Thus, if we desire to be followers of Christ, let us live like we mean it. Lucy, in the following example, had a big problem with matching her life to her wants.

### ***The Scripture***

Read the Scripture to the group.

*“Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.” —2 Peter 3:14*

### ***A Real Life Example***

Read the following or relate it in your own words.

#### Wanted

Lucy *wanted* to be a good Christian girl like the girls she read about in her books, but somehow she was always behaving just the opposite. She wanted to read her Bible through, and even set a time to read it, but then she lazily stayed in bed, often skipping her reading time.

Her class was memorizing a chapter in the Bible, and she promised to memorize it too; but she was always too busy playing or reading to really give it much attention. She wanted to give some money to the missions project at church, but then it seemed that there was always some candy or ice cream to buy, and by the time Sunday rolled around again, her money was spent. She wanted to have a servant’s heart, but when there was an opportunity to help someone else, she often satisfied herself rather than choosing to serve others. She *wanted* to be a good Christian, but there just seemed to be so many other things that she liked to do better.

### ***Questions for Discussion***

1. If someone observed Lucy’s life, what would they observe?
2. What were some of Lucy’s good intentions?
3. What kept Lucy from reaching those good intentions?

4. Just how badly do you think Lucy really wanted to do those things, which she said that she wanted to do?
5. Do you think that the choices she made revealed what she really wanted to do? How so?
6. If Lucy was a diligent girl, how would her actions have been different?

### ***Conclusion and Resolution***

Read the Scripture again. Read or explain the conclusion in your own words. Ask the group to suggest what specific changes that they can resolve to make in their daily lives that will help them to implement needed changes in this area. Ask them to especially consider things they have learned in the Bible to use as scriptural guideposts to a more competent and productive life.

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Our actions do reflect what is in our hearts. If we want to be a good Christian, we can be one, but it is in the wanting. How much do we want it? Do we want it more than anything? If we do, then we will put that desire above all others. We will be diligent about our Bible Reading, our personal devotions, giving to missions, and serving others. We will be determined that nothing shall come between us and our God. We will be determined to put nothing before Him—no other reading until we have read His Word; no other speaking until we have spoken with Him; no doing for self until we have done for others; no buying little pleasures until we have given to Him. When our “want” is strong enough, we will live for Him.

### ***Teacher’s Notes***

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