

Hi, I'm Crawford Loritts with a Legacy Moment.

Tim Cash is one of my dearest friends. We're prayer partners and accountability partners. One day a few years back, Tim called. He told me their youngest son, Jesse, was just beginning to walk. Then Tim made this observation. He said, "Crawford, it's interesting that most babies start walking before they start talking." When he said that to me I said, "Hold it Tim, hold it, hold it. Run that by me again. That's too good to pass up. I need to write that one down." He said that it's interesting that most babies start walking before they start talking.

Boy, as Christians we sure need to remember that! Walk before you talk. Character ought to precede communication so that, when we say something, it's based upon something.

Listen to these words in Romans chapter two verses 21 through 23, where the Apostle Paul is condemning this horrendous ability to become more articulate than your life is. He says in verses 21 through 23; “you then who teach others, do you not teach yourself? While you preach against stealing, do you steal? You who say that one must not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? You who boast in the law dishonor God by breaking the law.”

Tremendous questions. Paul says, hey, wait a minute, look at your life, look at your life, look at your life! Can you actually say what you are saying with credibility and integrity? Is there truth in you, wholeness about your life? In fact, that is what the word integrity means, by the way. It means wholeness, completeness. Not perfection, just honesty and consistency.

Here's what I want you to remember today. We need to **be** something before we **say** a whole lot. Let's keep babies in mind as we “do Christianity.” Let's walk before we talk.