

The Believer is to Walk Imitating God

Ephesians 05: 01–07

<p>1 <i>By becoming an imitator of God</i></p>	<p>1 Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children</p>
<p>2 <i>By loving as Christ loved</i></p> <p>a. He made an offering to God - sacrificed Himself</p> <p>b. He became a sweet fragrance to God</p>	<p>2 And live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.</p>
<p>3 <i>By being clean-bodied, that is, morally pure</i></p>	<p>3 But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people.</p>
<p>4 <i>By being clean-mouthed</i></p>	<p>4 Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving.</p>
<p>5 <i>By knowing God's solemn warning</i></p> <p>a. Uncleaness has no part with God</p> <p>b. There are deceivers</p> <p>c. The wrath of God is coming</p>	<p>5 For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person - such a man is an idolater - has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.</p> <p>6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient.</p>
<p>6 <i>By separating himself from the unclean</i></p>	<p>7 Therefore do not be partners with them.</p>

The Believer is to Walk as a Child of Light
Ephesians 05: 08–14

1 *Light, not darkness,
is the nature of believers*

2 *Light bears the things of life
- the fruit of the Spirit*

3 *Light shows what is acceptable,
pleasing*

4 *Light exposes the deeds of darkness*

a. The charge:
Have no fellowship with darkness

b. The reason:
It is a shame to even speak
of the things done in secret

5 *Light reveals and converts
everything it touches*

6 *Light awakens the sleeping*

a. The challenge:
Arise from the dead

b. How:
By Christ

8 For you were once darkness,
but now you are light in the Lord.
Live as children of light

9 (For the fruit of the light
consists in all goodness,
righteousness and truth)

10 And find out what pleases the Lord.

11 Have nothing to do
with the fruitless deeds of darkness,
but rather expose them.

12 For it is shameful even to mention
what the disobedient do in secret.

13 But everything exposed
by the light becomes visible,

14 For it is light that makes everything visible.
This is why it is said:
“Wake up, O sleeper,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

The Believer is to Walk Carefully and Strictly
Ephesians 05: 15– 21

1 *By looking around
and watching every step*

15 Be very careful, then,
how you live
- not as unwise but as wise,

2 *By redeeming the time,
making the most of every opportunity*

16 Making the most of every opportunity,
because the days are evil.

3 *By understanding the Lord's will*

17 Therefore do not be foolish,
but understand what the Lord's will is.

4 *By rejecting drunkenness*

18 Do not get drunk on wine,
which leads to debauchery.
Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

5 *By being filled with the Spirit*

a. A singing spirit

19 Speak to one another with psalms,
hymns and spiritual songs.
Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord.

b. A thankful and praying spirit

20 Always giving thanks to God the Father
for everything,
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

c. A submissive and respectful spirit

21 Submit to one another
out of reverence for Christ.