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Ephesians 5:1-21

## [SECTION 1 — Walk In Love]

(verses 1 —7)

**Ephesians 5:1-2 NKJV** - 1 Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. 2 And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

**Question:** What is the word that can be used in the place of *imitate* in verse one? How do our actions affect our children's actions, and what can we do to do a better job imitating our Heavenly Father?

**Question:** If we look to Jesus as our example, how does walking in love work itself out practically, and why is demonstrated love referred to as a *sweet-smelling* sacrifice to God?

**Ephesians 5:3-7 NKJV** - 3 But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; 4 neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. 5 For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. 6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. 7 Therefore do not be partakers with them.

**Question:** Paul uses the word *fitting* twice in this passage. Why are these aforementioned activities of the flesh so unfitting for the Christian?

**Question:** Why do you think that Paul equates sexual immorality, covetousness, and even coarse jesting as that which is unfitting for the follower of Jesus?

**Question:** From verse 5, how does covetousness (greed) go hand-in-hand with idolatry?

READ: 1 John 4:8

## [SECTION 2 — Walk In the Light]

(verses 8 — 14)

**Ephesians 5:8-10 NKJV** - 8 *For you were once darkness, but now [you are] light in the Lord. Walk as children of light* 9 (for the fruit of the Spirit [is] in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), 10 finding out what is acceptable to the Lord.

**Question:** How does Paul describe what it means to walk in the light?

**Question:** How does walking in the light lead us to understanding more fully that which is unacceptable, and that which is acceptable to the Lord?

**Ephesians 5:11-14 NKJV** - 11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose [them]. 12 For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. 13 But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. 14 Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light."

**Question:** What does it mean to have *no fellowship with the works of darkness*?

**Question:** How does the light of Christ expose the works of darkness?

READ: 1 John 1:5

### [SECTION 3 — Walk In Wisdom]

(verses 15 — 21)

**Ephesians 5:15-17 NKJV** - 15 See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, 16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord [is].

**Question:** Why is it important to recognize that the days are evil, and to redeem the time we have here on this earth?

**Question:** What can we do practically to grow in the wisdom of God's Word?

[Ephesians 5:18-21 NKJV](#) - 18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, 20 giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 21 submitting to one another in the fear of God.

Question : Why do you think it is that Paul contrasts being drunk with alcohol, and filled with the Holy Spirit?

Question : At what times are we to be thankful to God, what are some things that Paul lists that we can do to increase our joy?