

Ephesians – Our Walk with Christ
“Our Walk in the Light”
Ephesians 5:1-14
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Day 1: Be Imitators of God

Scripture: Ephesians 5:1–2 (ESV)

"Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."

Reflection:

Paul urges us to imitate God—not as distant subjects, but as **beloved children**. This is rooted in identity. Because we are deeply loved, we respond by emulating God's character, especially His love demonstrated in Christ. Jesus' sacrificial love is our model, and it calls us to lives of humility, compassion, and service.

Application:

- In what ways can you walk in love today?
- Is there someone you can serve sacrificially this week, even when it's uncomfortable?

Prayer:

Father, thank You for loving me as Your child. Help me imitate You—not to earn Your love, but because I already have it. Teach me to walk in love like Jesus, with selflessness and grace. Amen.

Day 2: Rejecting the Darkness

Scripture: Ephesians 5:3–4 (ESV)

"But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving."

Reflection:

God calls His people to holiness in both **conduct and speech**. Paul addresses both external behavior and internal motivations (like covetousness). Our lives are meant to reflect thanksgiving, not indulgence. The transformation begins in the heart and flows into our speech and lifestyle.

Application:

- Are there areas in your life where impure thoughts or words have crept in?
- How might you replace foolish talk with words of gratitude?

Prayer:

Lord, purify my heart and my lips. Where I've let darkness in, shine Your light. Fill my mouth with words of gratitude and encouragement. Let me reflect Your holiness in every part of my life. Amen.

Day 3: The Seriousness of Sin**Scripture: Ephesians 5:5–6 (ESV)**

"For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience."

Reflection:

These verses are sobering. They remind us that habitual, unrepentant sin has eternal consequences. Paul warns against being deceived by cultural norms or watered-down messages. Sin isn't just brokenness—it's rebellion against God's holiness.

Application:

- Are you minimizing sin in any area of your life?
- Who or what has been influencing your views of what's "acceptable"?

Prayer:

God, I want to see sin as You see it. Help me not to be deceived by empty words. Keep me anchored in Your truth and give me the courage to repent and pursue righteousness. Amen.

Day 4: Children of Light

Scripture: Ephesians 5:7–10 (ESV)

"Therefore do not become partners with them; for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord."

Reflection:

There's a transformation that occurs when we follow Jesus—we go from being darkness to being **light**. Paul doesn't say we were merely in darkness; we *were* darkness. Now, as new creations in Christ, our lives should produce fruit that pleases God.

Application:

- What "fruit" are you producing in this season of life?
- Are you actively discerning what pleases God—or just going with the flow?

Prayer:

Jesus, thank You for making me light in You. Empower me to walk in truth and goodness. Help me to discern what is pleasing to You in every decision I make today. Amen.

Day 5: Exposing the Works of Darkness

Scripture: Ephesians 5:11–15 (ESV)

"Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret... But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible... Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise."

Reflection:

Walking in the light means more than avoiding sin—it means **exposing darkness**, calling it out with grace and courage. We are to live with intentionality, not passivity. Wisdom involves careful living, rooted in truth and aligned with God's purpose.

Application:

- Are you walking wisely in the way you spend time, treat others, and speak truth?
- Is there any area where you need to courageously expose darkness in your own life or lovingly confront it in someone else's?

Prayer:

God, help me to walk wisely. Give me courage to live with conviction and not compromise. Let Your light shine in and through me, that I may glorify You in every part of my life. Amen.