

“WHAT I DO” P5
EPHESIANS 5:1-20
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“Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children 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.” Eph. 5:1-2 (NIV)

Imitate God... how am I supposed to do that?

I. GOD IS LOVE... LIVE A LIFE OF LOVE

How do I learn to love?

As dearly loved children – A FOUNDATION

Live a life of Love – A COMMITMENT

As Christ loved us – An EXAMPLE

Eph. 5:3-5 (NIV)

II. GOD IS HOLY... BE HOLY

In the way you act...

Not Immoral

Not Impure

Not Greedy

Renew your mind: “I am a HOLY person”

In the things you say...

No Obscenity

No Foolish Talk

No Coarse joking

Renew your mind: “My mouth was created for THANKSGIVING ”

Eph. 5:6-7 (NIV)

The two great enemies of a Christian lifestyle:

1. LISTENING to Empty Words
2. PARTNERSHIP with Evil People 1 Cor. 5:11 (NCV)

Eph. 5:8-11 (NIV)

III. GOD IS LIGHT... BE LIGHT

How do you recognize “children of light?”

1. They bear the fruit of light in their CHARACTER
2. They invest their lives in discovering what PLEASES God
3. They separate themselves from evil actions in their own lives.
4. They expose the evil actions of others.

How do we expose evil?

- Not by POINTING OUT the dark in a dark world
- Not by HIDING our light from a dark world
- By SHINING our light to a dark world.

Eph. 5:15-16 (NIV)

Walking in the daylight!

(Paul gives us three sharp contrasts between walking in darkness and walking in light)

1. Live not unwisely... but wisely

What is wisdom?

The Bible emphasizes OPPORTUNITY

Management more than it does Time Management.

2. Not foolish... understanding God's will

3. Not be filled with wine... be filled by the Spirit

If I'm filled with the Spirit it will affect...

- The way I talk to OTHERS
PSALMS, HYMNS AND SPIRITUAL SONGS...
- The way I talk to MYSELF
SING AND MAKE MUSIC WITHIN...
- The way I talk to GOD
GIVE THANKS TO God...