

Walk in Love, Walk as Light // Part One

Ephesians 5:1-10

Main Idea

God's love and light lead us away from impurity and transforms us to reflect His light and love to others.

- What to do: Be imitators of God How/Why we are to do it: As beloved children
- What to do: Walk in love How/Why we are to do it: As imitators of Christ
- **As God's beloved children, we should avoid all forms of:** Sexual Immorality, Impurity, Greed, Crude Speech
- Walking in love (both as God's beloved children and as imitators of Jesus's love) is _____ with sexual immorality, impurity, crude speech, and greed.
- Practicing sexual immorality, impurity, or covetousness all evidence a heart that is not satisfied in God and His goodness.
- Immorality and greed are evil because they turn your worship (your love, your devotion) away from Jesus, and focus it on something undeserving.
- God leads us to live in purity, not because sex is dirty or shameful, but because it is sacred.
- God will judge people who take _____ lightly with how they live or what they teach.
- **As children and imitators of God, we should walk in love and light in:** Thankfulness, Goodness, Justice, Truth
- Rather than living by our own standards, we are to "try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord." – v 10

Application

- Evaluate your behavior (thoughts, speech, actions, and the entertainment you consume) based on God's standards described in this passage.
- Avoid media that portrays sex or the body in an ungodly manner. Treat sex and the body with honor.

Discussion

- How might the practice of thanksgiving (v 4) replace the sinful behaviors we are to avoid? For example, how is thankfulness different from greed (covetousness)?
- What reasons does the passage give for trading sinful behavior for godly behavior?
- The passage tells us to walk as children of light (v 8). Our identity as God's children is to define and determine how we live. What does this mean for us practically?
- What does it mean to "try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord"? (v 10) How can we do this in our daily lives?
- Why is purity important? Why is greed sinful?