

Walking in your Father's Shoes

Ephesians 5:1-20

- Ephesians 5:1 – Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children
- 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.
- 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.
- 4 – Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving.
- 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.
- 6 – Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient.
- 7 – Therefore do not be partners with them.
- 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."
- 15 – Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise,
- 16 – making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.
- 17 – Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

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

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

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

1. an imitator of God walks in LOVE.

“Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.” 1 John 4:11

“Love your enemies...and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil men.” Luke 6:35

A. Walking In love is seen in loving RELATIONSHIPS.

“EVERY good and perfect gift” is from our Heavenly Father.

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other just as in Christ God forgave you.”

“If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.”
1 John 1:8

“For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at one point, has become guilty of all.” James 2:10

“If I did what this person did, would God forgive me?” Of course the answer is, “YES!”

“Is there any sin I have committed for which God has not forgiven me?”

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins...and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9

B. Walking in love is seen in loving LOVING SPEECH.

2. An imitator of God walks in LIGHT.

3. an imitator of God walks in WISDOM.