

Imitators of God

Ephesians 5:1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children

Ephesians 5:2-17 and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma. **3** But immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints...7 Therefore do not be partakers with them (sons of disobedience); 8 for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light 9 (for the fruit of the Light *consists* in all goodness and righteousness and truth), 10 trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord....**15** Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, 16 making the most of your time, because the days are evil. 17 So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

1. Walk in _____

Ephesians 5:2 Walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

- **Love is a _____ not a response.**
- **Love is about _____ and not _____.**
The Greek word used for love is _____.
- **Love is _____ not conditional.**
Ephesians 5:2
- **Love is an _____ to God not a gift for ourselves.**

2. Walk as Children of _____

Ephesians 5:8-10 ...for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light 9 (for the fruit of the Light *consists* in all goodness and righteousness and truth), 10 trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord
Throughout the Bible, we see the imagery of light.

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Psalm 56:13 For You have delivered my soul from death, indeed my feet from stumbling, so that I may walk before God in the light of the living.

John 8:12 I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life."
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Psalm 119:105 "Your Word is a lamp to my fight and a light to my path."
Ephesians 5:9

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 - Living right & doing the right thing.
 - Here's a great motto: "I'll do the next right thing."

3. Walk in _____

Ephesians 5:15-17 Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, 16 making the most of your time, because the days are evil. 17 So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

- Proverbs 1:30-33 They would not accept my counsel, they spurned all my reproof. 31 "So they shall eat of the fruit of their own way and be satiated with their own devices. 32 "For the waywardness of the naive will kill them, and the complacency of fools will destroy them. 33 "But he who listens to me shall live securely and will be at ease from the dread of evil."

- **We don't have _____ to waste.**
Ephesians 5:15-17

Psalms 90:12 So teach us to number our days, that we may present to You a heart of wisdom.

- _____ **require wise discernment.**
Ephesians 5:15-16 Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, 16 making the most of your time, because the days are evil.
- **Following the _____ is our top priority.**
Ephesians 5:17 So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.