

## Ephesians

### Ephesians 5:1-6

#### The godly life

God expects us to take off the old self and put on the new with His help because we are created to be like Him and live the godly life.

- Ephesians 4:24

Who are you imitating and who is watching you daily and what are they seeing that does not line up with the Word of GOD?

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The godly life puts off sexual immorality, impurity, and greed.

- Ephesians 5:3
- Sexual immorality is any kind of sexual act outside of a man and woman in Marriage.
- An impurity is anything that contaminates God's people.
- We have a role to play in protecting our purity.
  - Resist – James 4:7
  - Flee – 1 Corinthians 6:18 Sex is the only sin we are told to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Think – Philippians 4:8 Whatever is true, just pure, lovely ...think on these things
- Greed is the desire to have more of what we have or something that someone else has.
  - Covet – Exodus 20:17 You shall not covet >>>>
- God intends for sex to be within a lifelong marriage between a man and a woman.
  - One flesh – Genesis 2:24....they shall leave and cleave and become one flesh
- Sexual immorality isn't the unforgivable sin. With Jesus's help you can get a second chance and be redeemed and healed.
  - John 8:11 The women caught in adultery. What did Jesus do and say to her? Neither do  
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The godly life refrains from obscenity, foolish talk, and coarse joking.

- Ephesians 5:4

What language of yours does God want to clean up?

How do you start the process?

The godly life expresses words of praise to God.

The godly life you live out in front of your friends, family, work and church is evidence of the health of our relationship with God and in part determines our future inheritance in God's kingdom : Don't confuse those you love by wallowing in habitual sin.

Confess it, repent and turn it over to Jesus in obedience.

- Ephesians 5:5-6
- God's grace doesn't give us license to Sin.
  - Romans 6:1-2
- Those who love God obey Him.
  - John 14:21
  - 1 John 5:3
- Our unholiness grieves the Holy Spirit.
  - Ephesians 4:30
- Those who live a lifestyle of sin will not inherit God's kingdom.
  - Galatians 5:19-21

#### Idolatry

Idolatry is making something other than God to be God in our lives.

- Greed – Ephesians 5:5
- All sin is idolatry at its core.
  - Exodus 20:3-5
- A lifestyle of disobedience is evidence that we love something or someone else more than God.
- Idolaters forfeit God's kingdom in this life and the life to come.
- Don't be deceived. God's wrath is real.
  - Ephesians 5:6
- God will forgive our sins and cleanse our unrighteousness if we confess our sins to Him.
  - 1 John 1:9

#### Action Steps

- Ask God to show you any idol in your life you are holding onto and why. Look at romantic relationships first: does it line up with God's

Word ? Does it honor your and his relationship ( draw you closer to Jesus or cause confusion)? \_\_\_\_\_

- Is the idol worth more than your relationship with GOD? \_\_\_\_\_
- Ask for His forgiveness and repent (Ask God to help you take down the idol. What is your first step? \_\_\_\_\_)

### **Ephesians 5:1-6 AMPC**

**5** Therefore be imitators of God [copy Him *and* follow His example], as well-beloved children [imitate their father].

**2** And walk in love, [esteeming and delighting in one another] as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a <sup>10</sup>slain offering and sacrifice to God [for you, so that it became] a sweet fragrance.

**3** But immorality (sexual vice) and all impurity [<sup>10</sup>of lustful, rich, wasteful living] or greediness must not even be named among you, as is fitting *and* proper among saints (God's consecrated people).

**4** Let there be no filthiness (obscenity, indecency) nor foolish *and* sinful (silly and corrupt) talk, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting *or* becoming; but instead voice your thankfulness [to God].

**5** For be sure of this: that no person practicing sexual vice or impurity in thought or in life, or one who is covetous [who has lustful desire for the property of others and is greedy for gain]—for he [in effect] is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

**6** Let no one delude *and* deceive you with empty excuses *and* groundless arguments [for these sins], for through these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of rebellion *and* disobedience.