

# **Ephesians: Called by God to Walk**

## *Week #7: Walk Carefully*

### **Ephesians 5:1-20**

**1** Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children **2** and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

### **WALKING WITH GOD IS A WALK OF LOVE, NOT A LIST OF RULES TO FOLLOW**

### **THE WALK OF LOVE IS A WALK OF SACRIFICE AND ULTIMATELY DEATH**

**3** But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality (porneia), 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.

### **PARTNERING WITH GOD MEAN'S BEING A HOLY PEOPLE (SAINTS/DIFFERENT)**

**5** For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a person 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 (righteous indignation - comes on those who are disobedient. **7** Therefore do not be partners with them.

### **PARTNERING WITH GOD MEANS NOT PARTNERING IN THINGS THAT HURT PEOPLE**

### **PARTNERING WITH GOD MEANS NOT PARTNERING WITH DARKNESS**

**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** It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. **13** But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light.

### **PARTNERING WITH GOD MEANS BEING A LIGHT**

### **PARTNERING WITH GOD MEANS TAKING OFF THE OLD/PUTTING ON THE NEW**

**14** This is why it is said:

“Wake up, 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** speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, **20** always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **WALK IN WORSHIP**

### **Bottom Line:**

**ENGAGE IN THE WALK OF HOLY LOVE**