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“Be Imitators of God”

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Ephesians 5:1-21

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.

Ephesians 5:1-21

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.

Ephesians 5:1-21

⁴ Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving.

Ephesians 5:1-21

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.

Ephesians 5:1-21

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.

Ephesians 5:1-21

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.

Ephesians 5:1-21

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.

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¹³ But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light.

Ephesians 5:1-21

¹⁴ This is why it is said:

“Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

Ephesians 5:1-21

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.

Ephesians 5:1-21

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.

Ephesians 5:1-21

Instead, be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit.

Ephesians 5:1-21

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.

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²¹ Submit to one another
out of reverence for Christ.



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Ephesians 5:1

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Ephesians 4:22-24

²² You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires;

Ephesians 4:22-24

²³ to be made new in the attitude of your minds;
²⁴ and to put on the new self, created to be like God
in true righteousness and holiness.

Ephesians 5:1

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How believers are specifically called to imitate God:

1. **Walk in love** (vv. 1-2)

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1 Corinthians 13:4-5

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.



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How believers are specifically called to imitate God:

1. **Walk in love** (vv. 1-2)
2. **Walk in light** (vv. 3-14)

Ephesians 5:8

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How believers are specifically called to imitate God:

1. **Walk in love** (vv. 1-2)
2. **Walk in light** (vv. 3-14)
3. **Walk in wisdom** (vv. 15-21)

Ephesians 5:15-16

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