

Imitators of Jesus

Ephesians 5:1-17
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In the fourth chapter of Ephesians, we noticed that God wants every believer to _____ spiritually step-by-step with purposeful activity. Paul now points out what that looks like. We are told to be followers (“_____, mimics”) of God. As God’s children, we should imitate our heavenly Father. Paul instructs us to “keep on _____” to remind us it is not a one-time event.

A. Walk in _____ (vv. 1-7).

1. The example of Christ’s love should _____ us.
(John 15:9, 12; 1 John 3:16-18)
He gave Himself for us as a –
 - a. _____ offering
 - b. Vicarious _____
 - c. Sweet-_____ savour
2. Christ-like love –
 - a. _____ self
 - b. Has a _____ spirit
3. The right kind of love implies that we _____ certain things.
(Romans 12:9) We should avoid :
 - a. _____ (similar, but not identical to adultery)
 - b. Uncleaness (every form of _____ and immorality)
 - c. Covetousness (an unquenchable _____ for more.
Here it involves lust and _____.)
 - d. _____ talking (silly, senseless talk, gossip)
 - e. _____ language (indecent, crude, offensive)

B. Walk in the _____ (vv. 8-14).

We are partakers of :

1. The Divine _____ (2 Peter 1:4)
2. God’s _____ (Ephesians 3:6)
3. Christ’s _____ (1 Peter 4:13)
4. His _____ (Hebrews 12:10)
5. His _____ calling (Hebrews 3:1)
6. God’s _____ (1 Peter 5:1)

C. Walk _____ (vv. 15-17).

1. Look carefully so you do not _____.
2. Walk _____ and not in ignorance.
3. Buy up the _____ and do not waste time, _____, money, and _____ in the things which are not part of God’s will. Do _____ to build God’s kingdom.
4. Purposefully seek to _____ the will of God.