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FIRST GIVING HONOR TO GOD

HONORING GOD WITH OUR FAITH
Ephesians 5:1-21
Walk It Out

LESSON AIM-To encourage believers to live out their faith.

WHAT IS FAITH?
"Faith is trusting and obeying God in spite of your feelings, circumstances, or consequences."

WALK="to live out, to perform"

❖ WALK IN LOVE- vv. 1-7

⇒ **THE PLEA**
"imitators"-"to mimic", "to copy someone's characteristics"

⇒ **THE PATTERN v. 2**, 1 John 3:16-23
"love"-agape

⇒ **THE PERVERSION vv. 3-4**
"fornication"-This refers to all sexual sin. All sexual sin is wrong and is against godly love.
"uncleanness"- This refers to immoral thoughts, passions, ideas, fantasies, and every form of sexual corruption.
"covetousness"-"greed" "to want something that doesn't belong to you"
"filthiness"-"dirty speech, disgraceful language"
"foolish talk"-"dull, useless, obscene talk"
"coarse jesting"-It is the filthy talk of a person who uses every word to display his/her immoral wit.

❖ WALK IN LIGHT-vv. 8-14

⇒ **THE CONTRAST v. 8**

What we were: Darkness

Characteristics of Spiritual Darkness

1. **It is the work of Satan**
2. **It is the domain of Satan-**The unbeliever does Satan's work he/she is under Satan's control.
3. **It brings God's penalty**
4. **It leads to the ultimate destiny of eternal darkness**

What we are: Light

- **Matt 5:14**

⇒ **THE CHARACTERISTICS vv. 9-10**

Characteristics of Children of Light

1. **"all goodness"-**To always seek after what is good for others.
2. **"righteousness"-**This speaks to how we live. Those who were made righteous are commanded to live righteous. Rom 4:5, Rom 6:13
3. **"truth"-**This speaks to honesty, reliability, and trustworthiness.

⇒ **THE COMMAND v. 11**

"do not participate"-To become a partaker together with others. The child of Light should not become involved in evil even by association. **1 Cor 5:9-11**

⇒ **THE COMMISSION vv. 11-13**

"expose"-Carries the idea of reproof, correction, punishment. To ignore evil is to encourage it; to keep quiet about it is to help promote it. Matt 18:15-17

⇒ **THE CALL v. 14**

Paul offers an invitation, a call for those who are not children of light to come to the light and be saved.

❖ WALK IN WISDOM-vv. 15-21

WISDOM

- Wisdom is the capacity to see things from God's perspective and to respond to them according to scripture.
- Wisdom is seeking heavenly direction, in earthly circumstances.
- Wisdom is the exercise of sound judgment either in avoiding evils or attempting to do good.

WHAT WISDOM IS NOT

- **OLD AGE**
- **EDUCATION**

1. There are many people with book sense, but with no common sense.
2. There are many educated fools.
3. You can have a 6th grade education or a GED and be wise.

"be"-To look or observe

HOW SHOULD WE WALK IN WISDOM?

- BY BEING GOOD STEWARDS OF OUR TIME v. 16

"kairos"-a measured, allocated, fixed season James 4:14

- BY NOT BEING DRUNK WITH WINE v. 18
- BY BEING FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT v. 18
- BY BEING THANKFUL v. 20
- BY SUBMITTING TO ONE ANOTHER v. 21