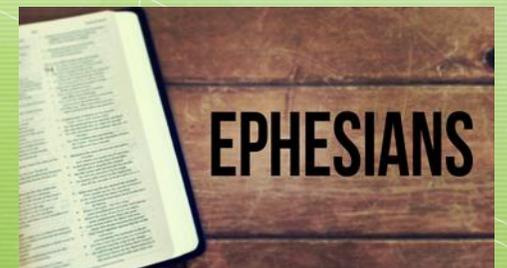


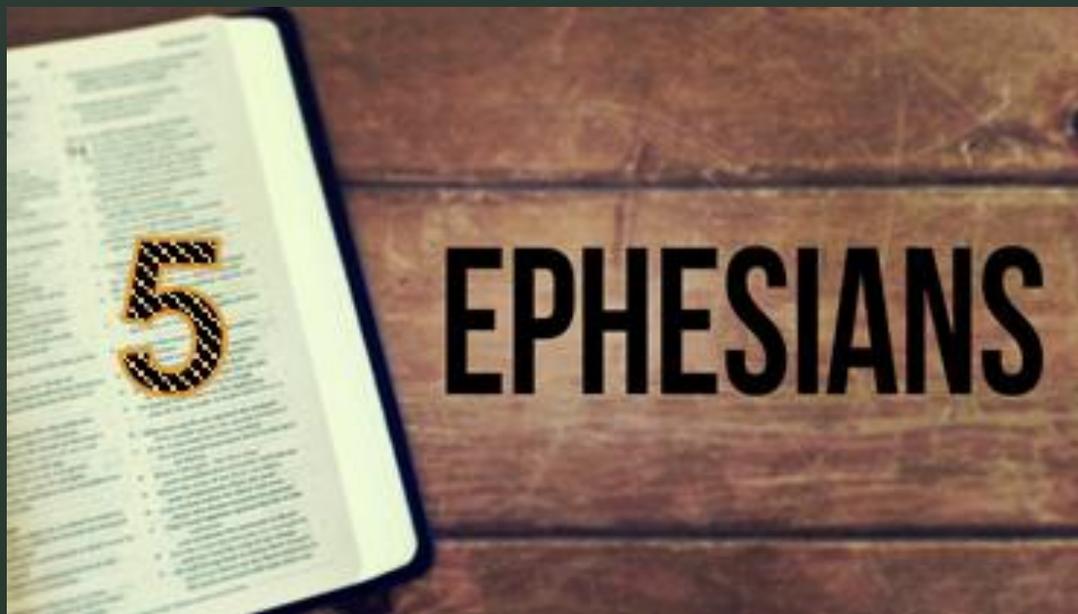
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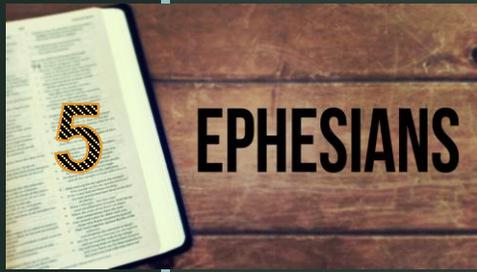


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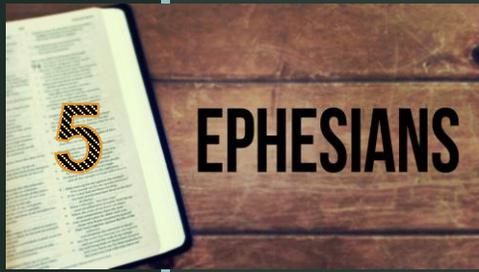
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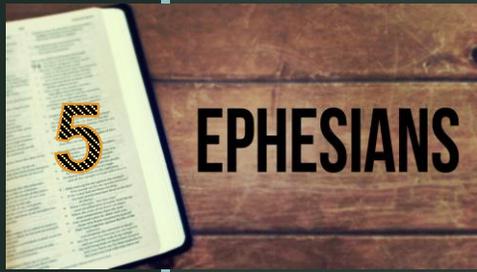




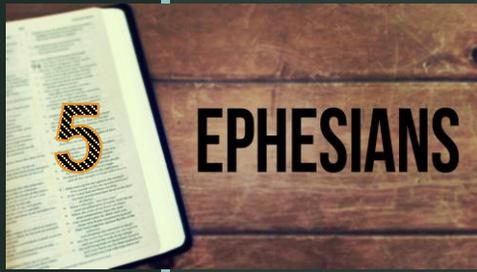
¹Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children ²and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.



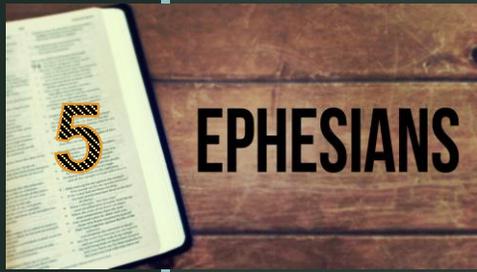
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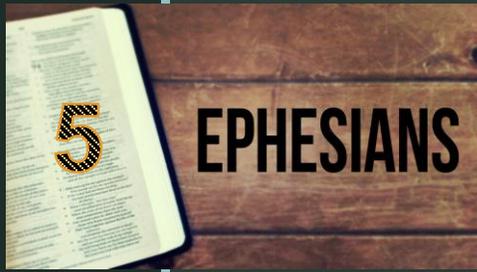
⁵For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.



⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. ⁷Therefore do not be partners with them.

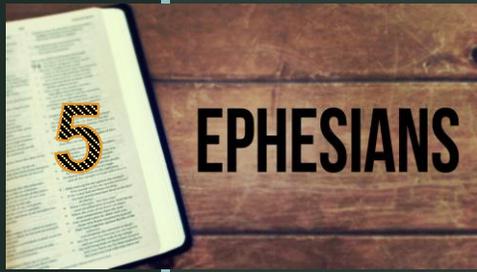


⁸For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) ¹⁰and find out what pleases the Lord.



¹¹Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. ¹²It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret.

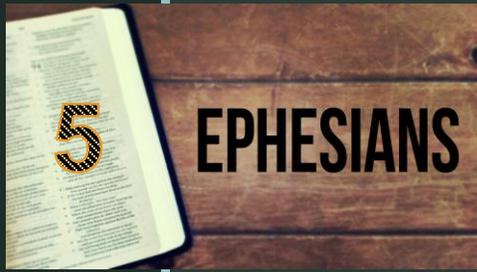
¹³But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light.



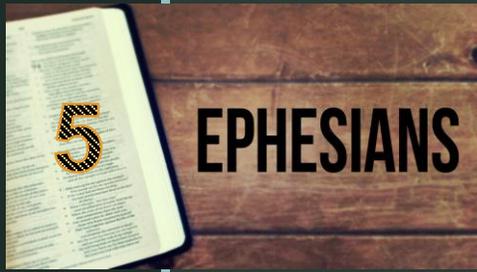
¹⁴This is why it is said:

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

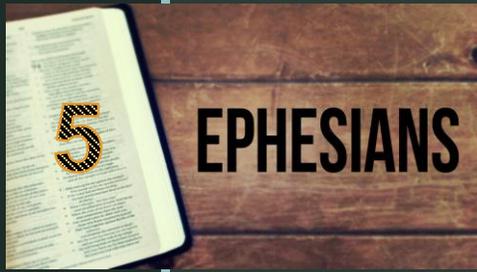
**¹⁵Be very careful, then, how you live—
not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making
the most of every opportunity,
because the days are evil.**



1⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.
1⁸Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit,



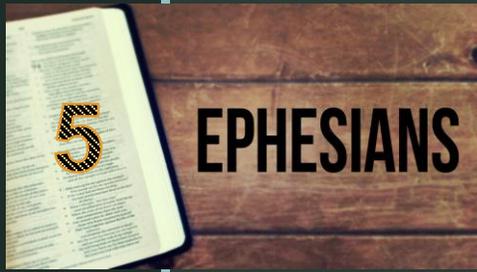
¹⁹speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, ²⁰always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Instructions for Christian Households

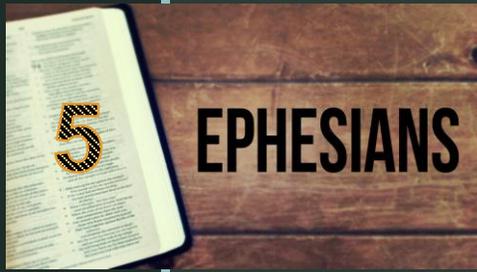
²¹Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

²²Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior.

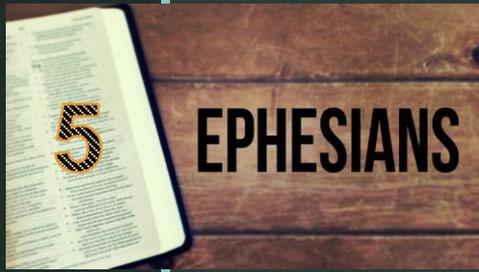


²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

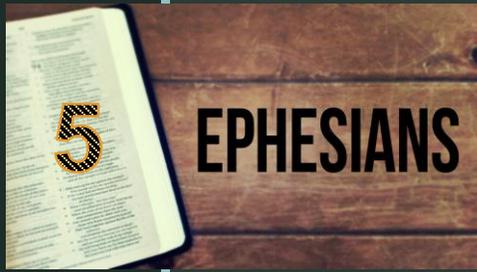
²⁵Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word,



²⁷and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. ²⁸In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.



²⁹After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church—³⁰for we are members of his body. ³¹“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.”



³²This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.

³³However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband

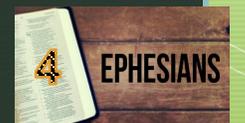


Let's dig in!

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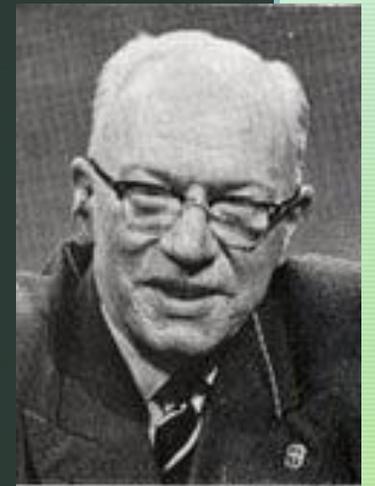
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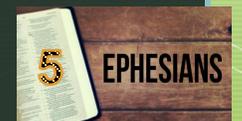
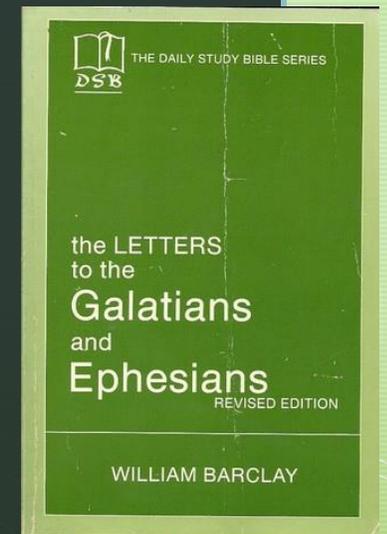


When Paul talked of imitation he was using language which the wise men of Greece could understand. Mimesis, imitation, was a main part in the training of an orator. The teachers of rhetoric declared that the learning of oratory depended on three things-- theory, imitation and practice. The main part of their training was the study and the imitation of the masters who had gone before.

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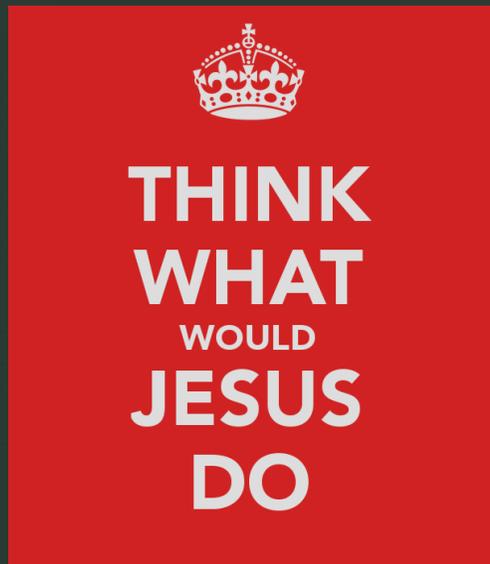
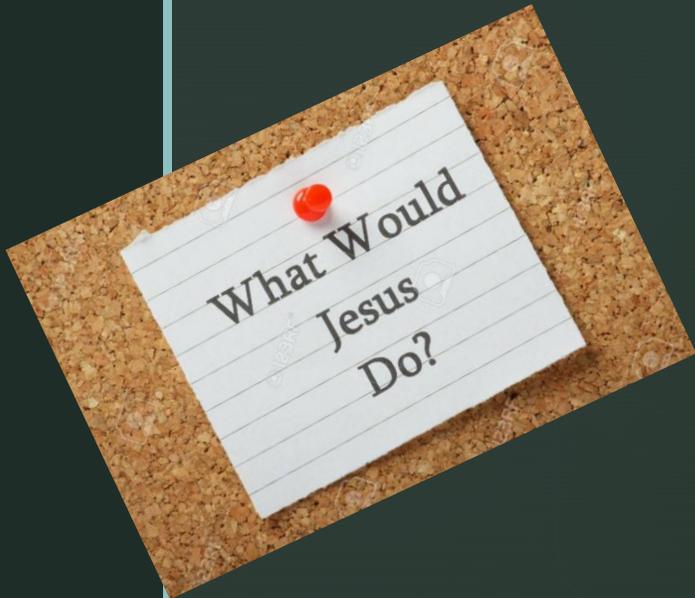
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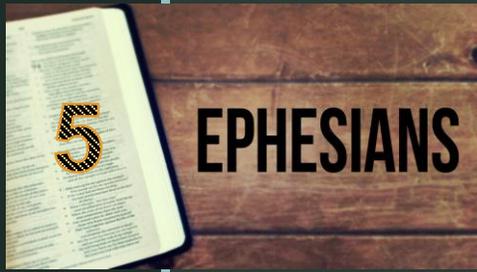


We are to love as Christ also hath loved us and the question which will often solve difficulties is this, “What would Jesus Christ do in my case? What he would have done, that we may do: “Walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us.”



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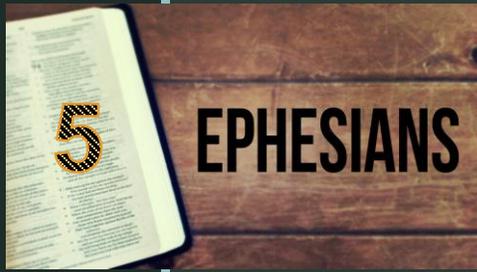
Here's what many people see when they read verse 3



³But 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. ⁴Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving.

Here's the verse again



³But 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.

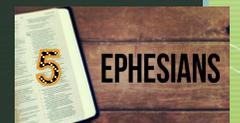
In what a position do we find “covetousness” placed, side by side with “fornication (and) uncleanness”! In the Epistle to the Colossians, covetousness is called “idolatry”, . . .

Yet I fear it is a very common sin even amongst some who call themselves saints.

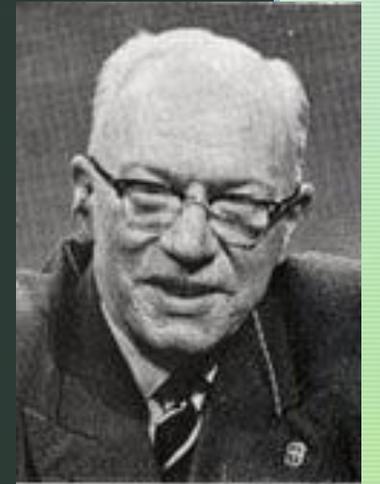


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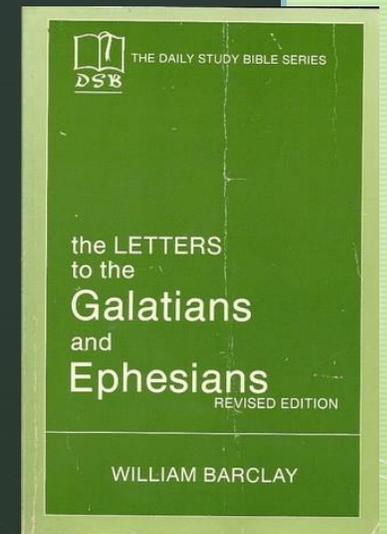
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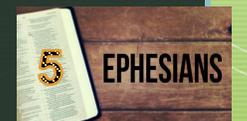
When Paul set this stress on moral purity, he was erecting a standard which the ordinary heathen had never dreamed of. That is why he pleads with them so earnestly and lays down his laws of purity with such stringency.



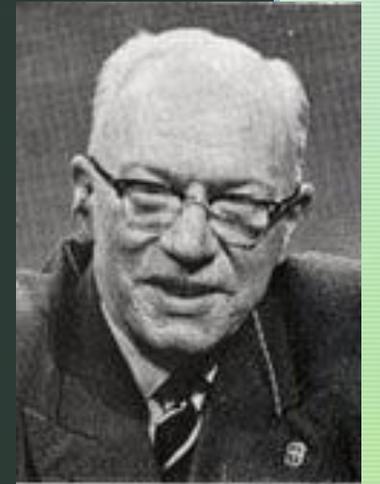
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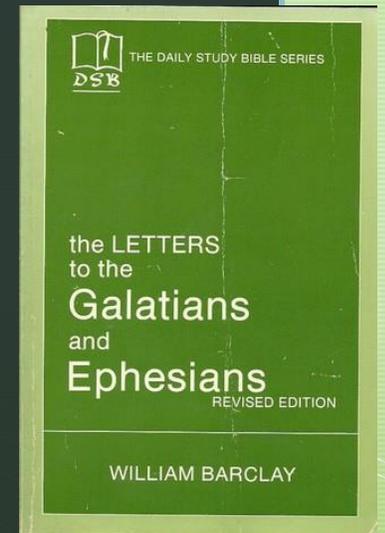
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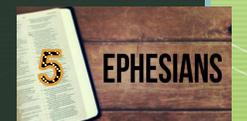
We must remember the kind of society from which these Christian converts had come and the kind of society with which they were encompassed. There is nothing in all history like the moral miracle which Christianity wrought.



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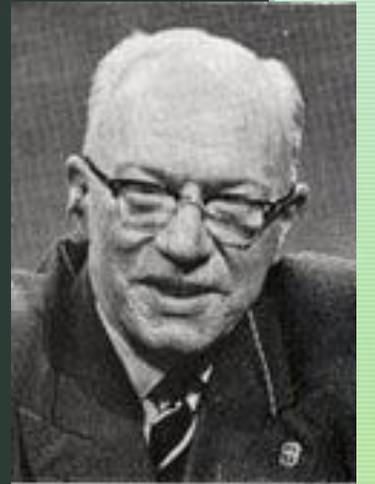


Oh, for more of this giving of thanks! It should perfume the labours of the day, it should sweeten the rest of the night, this giving of thanks. We are always receiving blessings; let us never cease to give God thanks for them.

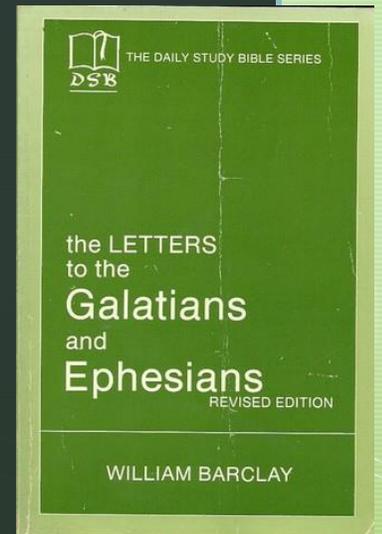


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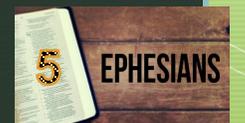
In the ancient world there was a line of thought called Gnosticism. Gnosticism began from the contention that spirit alone is good and that matter is always evil. If that be so, it follows that only spirit is to be valued and that matter must be utterly despised.



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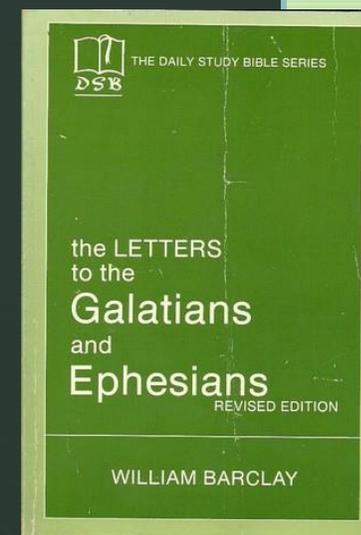
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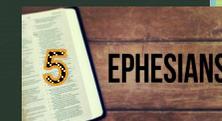
Now a man is composed of two parts; he is body and spirit. According to this point of view only his spirit matters; his body is of no importance whatsoever. Therefore, some at least of the Gnostics went on to argue, it does not matter what a man does with his body.



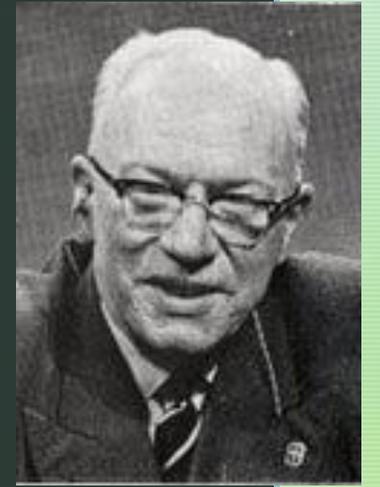
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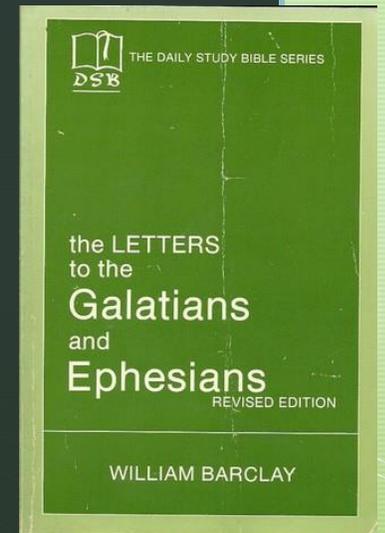
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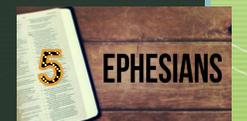
It will make no difference if he gluts its desires. Bodily and sexual sin were of no importance because they were of the body and not of the spirit.



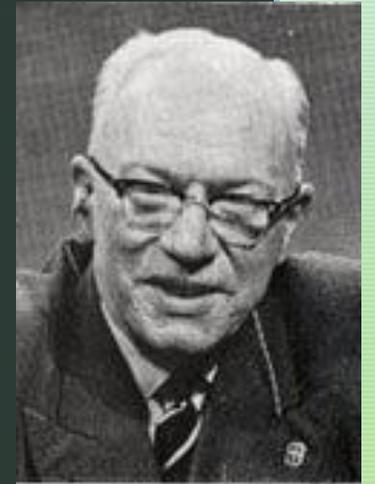
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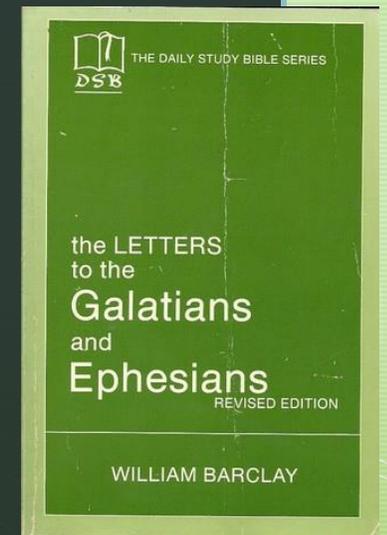
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Christianity met such teaching with the contention that body and soul are equally important. God is the creator of both, Jesus Christ for ever sanctified human flesh by taking it upon himself, the body is the temple of the Holy Spirit and Christianity is concerned with the salvation of the whole man, body, soul and spirit.



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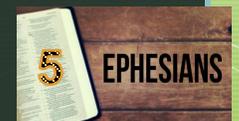
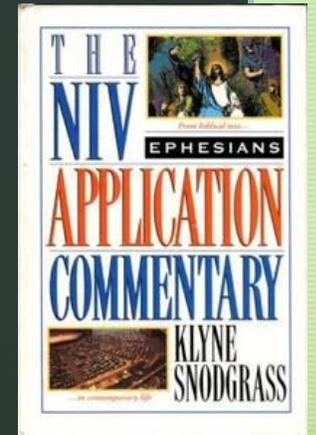


Max Lucado tells a story about some candles who refuse to be taken from a storage closet to provide light during an electrical storm. They all have excuses why they should not give off light . When the husband tells his wife that the candles won't work she explains, “oh, they're church candles”. Ouch!!! That the story even works creates pain.

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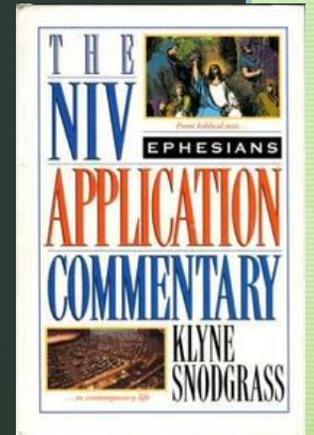
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Obscenity, foolish talk, and coarse joking are ways to reinforce or court a godless lifestyle. These three categories cover everything from vulgarity to defiance of God to innuendos . People may start using such language to prove they are tough and know the ways of the world. But it is evidence that sin has taken up residence in their minds and that shame is being honored and embraced.



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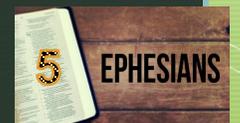


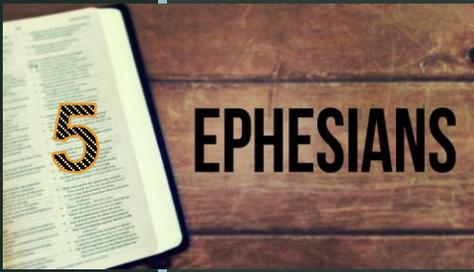
We ought to pray that our whole life may be “acceptable unto the Lord.” We are ourselves “accepted in the Beloved; “ and, that being the case, it should be our great desire that every thought and word and deed, ay, every breathing of our life, should be “acceptable unto the Lord.”



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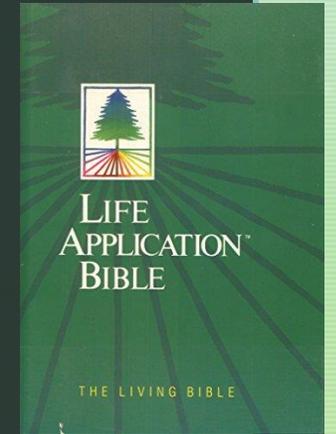


¹⁰and find out what pleases the Lord.

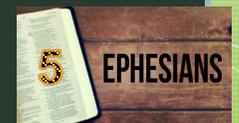
How do we do this?

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By saying “these are difficult days”, Paul communicates his sense of urgency because of evil's pervasiveness. We need the same sense of urgency because our days are also difficult. We must keep our standards high, act wisely, and do good whenever we can.



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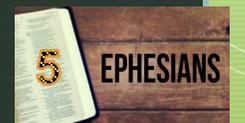


If you want excitement, seek this highest, holiest, happiest form of exhilaration, the divine exhilaration which the Holy Spirit alone can give you: “Be filled with the Spirit.”



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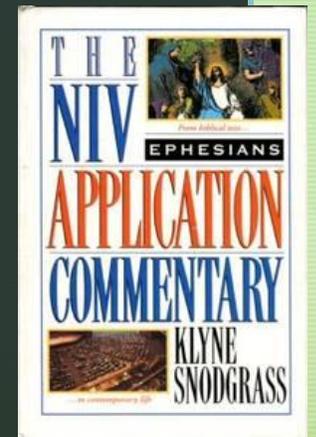
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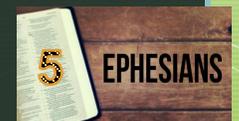
Usually when Christians speak of discerning the will of the Lord they have in mind God's will regarding major decisions about a spouse or a career. This is not what the text is about. The text is more concerned about God's intent for the way we live every day, about what is pleasing to Him.



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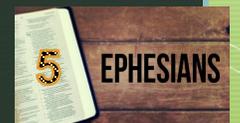


“Making melody in your heart to the Lord,” for the Lord careth not merely for sounds, though they be the sweetest that ever came from the lip of man or angel; he looks at the heart. God is a Spirit, and he looks spiritually at our spiritual praises; therefore, let us make melody in our heart to the Lord.



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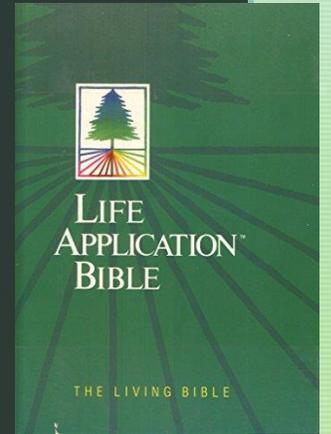
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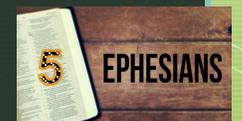
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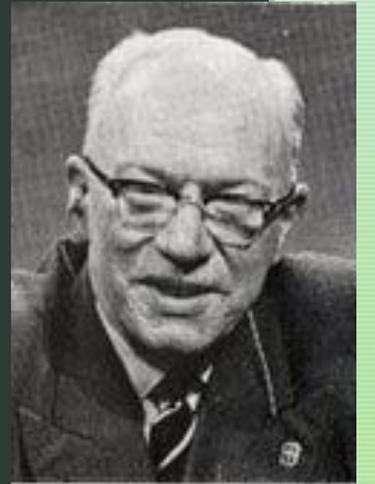
Why did Paul tell wives to submit and husbands to love? Perhaps Christian women, newly freed in Christ, found submission difficult; and Christian men, used to the Roman custom of giving unlimited power to the head of the family, were not used to treating their wives with respect and love. Of course both husbands and wives should submit to each other just as both should love each other.



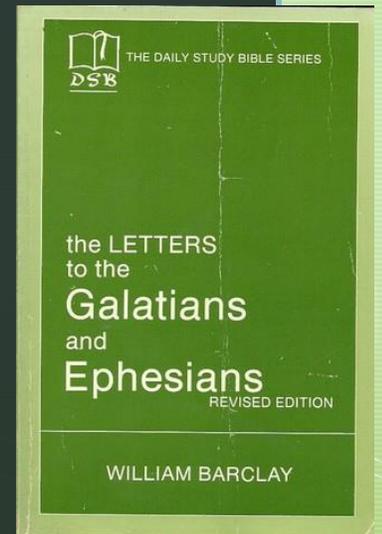
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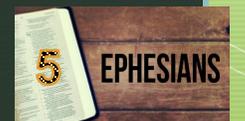
No one reading this passage in the twentieth century can fully realize how great it is. Throughout the years the Christian view of marriage has come to be widely accepted. It still is recognized as the ideal by the majority even in these permissive days.



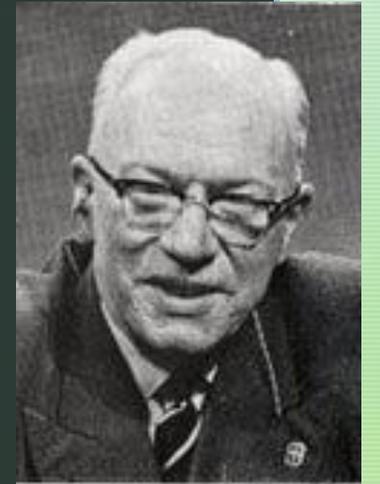
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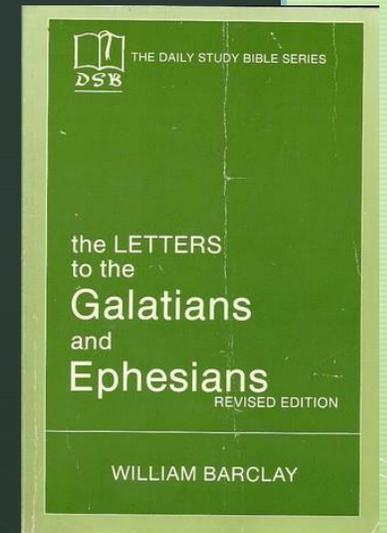
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But things were very different when Paul wrote. In this passage Paul is setting forth an ideal which shone with a radiant purity in an immoral world.

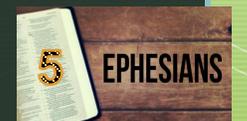


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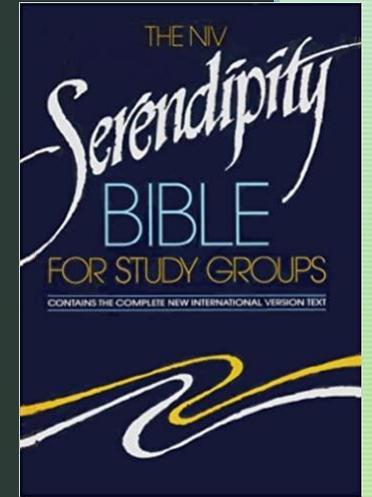


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In your own words, how would you express the goal of Christian marriage?





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