

Walk in Light

Ephesians 5:7-14

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 1. Believers are commanded to avoid partnerships with people committed to sin (v. 7).
 2. Believers are forbidden to make partnerships with people committed to sin because of their new identity in Christ (v. 8a).
 3. Believers are commanded to live as children of light, producing goodness, righteousness and truth and discerning what pleases the Lord (vv. 8b-10).
 - B. Believers are commanded to expose darkness instead of participating in it (vv. 11-14).
 1. Paul commands believers not to get involved in sinful behavior but to expose it (v. 11).
 2. Believers must expose sinful behavior instead of participating in it because sinful behavior is shameful (v. 12).
 3. Believers must expose sinful behavior instead of participating in it because of God's desire to purify and repurpose sinners (vv. 13-14a).
 - C. God purifies and repurposes sinful people through believers who walk in light because he desires to show his mercy and kindness (v. 14b).
- II. Christ must illuminate in us before the Gospel can radiate through us (2 Cor. 4:5-6; cf. Acts 1:8).
 - A. The Apostle Paul radiated the Gospel in his ministry (2 Cor. 4:5-6).
 - B. The content of Paul's ministry concerned his service to the Gospel proclamation and the Lordship of Jesus Christ (v. 5).
 - C. The explanation for Paul's Gospel radiating ministry is the illumination of his life with the light of Christ (v. 6).
- III. Walk in light!
 - A. When times are hard.
 - B. When you want to give up.
 - C. In the face of peer pressure and cultural wokeness.

Conclusion: God will use you as you walk in the light.