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Part 1 Ephesians Chapter 5:1-6 NLT

Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.

3Let there be no sexual immorality, impurity, or greed among you. Such sins have no place among God's people. 4Obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes—these are not for you. Instead, let there be thankfulness to God. 5You can be sure that no immoral, impure, or greedy person will inherit the Kingdom of Christ and of God. For a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world.

6Don't be fooled by those who try to excuse these sins, for the anger of God will fall on all who disobey him. 7Don't participate in the things these people do. 8For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So, live as people of light! 9For this light within you produces only what is good and right and true.

1. Imitate God in everything and live a life filled with love (vs 1-2).

- A. We must know God to imitate Him. We must know what the Bible says about him. We must study our scriptures more.
- B. We must know him personally, we must invite him into a personal relationship with us.
- C. We must make God the standard of our conduct.

2. Here is what should have no place in a saint's life (vs. 3-5):

3. A saint should not rationalize or minimize sin (vs.6-9).

Praying Ephesians 5 Into My Life:

Lord, thank you for taking up residency in me, for dwelling in me, for loving me so much, for never leaving me. Now, will you give me the strength, by your Holy Spirit living in me, to live a life that pleases you. Help me let go of anything that grieves You. Please help me imitate you with my words, with my life and in all my relationships. Please allow me to live a life worthy of the calling you have placed on me. Help me live my life making the most of every opportunity you give me in the short time I am on this planet. Help me be sensitive to the needs of those around me. Let your love flow out of me today and each day of my life.

In Jesus Name, Amen.