

Imitators of the Father
Ephesians 5:1-13

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Have you ever seen a little boy who acts just like his father? He may walk like him, talk like him, or even dress up like him. This is not uncommon. Children often imitate those they love and admire, which can be either a good thing or a bad thing.

As children of God, it's always good for us imitate our Heavenly Father. God the Father is holy, loving, kind, and good, and we should strive to be just like Him in every way. This was the challenge that Paul gave to the Church at Ephesus.

In our text, Paul exhorted the Ephesians to be imitators of God as His dear children.

Main Thought…

➔ Children of God are to _____ their Father.

1. **Walk in genuine _____ (v. 1-2)**.

   Jn. 13:34-35; 1 Jn. 3:16-18

2. **Pursue a godly _____ (v. 3-7)**.

   - _____ from sexual sins (v. 3-5).
   - _____ no one to deceive you (v. 6-7).

   1 Cor. 6:9-11; 1 Thess. 4:3; 1 Tim. 4:1-2

3. **Live as children of _____ (v. 25-32)**.

   Jn. 1:11-12; 1 Pt. 2:9; 1 Jn. 1:5-7; Mt. 5:16

Final Thoughts…

➔ Do you know for _____ you are a child of God?

➔ Does your light _____ bright for Him?