

Series: Are We Making A Difference?

Sermon Title: Make The Most of Every Opportunity

Passage: Ephesians 5:1-21

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Main Point: A Chaotic Culture Needs An Intentional Church

A Chaotic culture needs an intentional church.

Ephesians 5:1–14 (CSB)

¹Therefore, be imitators of God, as dearly loved children,

²and walk in love, as Christ also loved us and gave himself for us, a sacrificial and fragrant offering to God.

³But sexual immorality and any impurity or greed should not even be heard of among you, as is proper for saints.

⁴Obscene and foolish talking or crude joking are not suitable, but rather giving thanks.

⁵For know and recognize this: Every sexually immoral or impure or greedy person, who is an idolater, does not have an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

⁶Let no one deceive you with empty arguments, for God's wrath is coming on the disobedient because of these things.

⁷Therefore, do not become their partners.

⁸For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light—

⁹for the fruit of the light consists of all goodness, righteousness, and truth—

¹⁰testing what is pleasing to the Lord.

¹¹Don't participate in the fruitless works of darkness, but instead expose them.

¹²For it is shameful even to mention what is done by them in secret.

¹³Everything exposed by the light is made visible,

¹⁴for what makes everything visible is light. Therefore it is said: Get up, sleeper, and rise up from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

Ephesians 5:15-16 (CSB)

¹⁵Pay careful attention, then, to how you walk—not as unwise people but as wise—

¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil.

Live in the moment, not for the moment.

We don't follow culture's advice to live for the moment - we live for Jesus by making the most of every moment to glorify him.

How can we live in the moment as a Jesus follower?

1. Pray that our Priorities are Jesus' Priorities.

a. Ephesians 5:17 (CSB)

¹⁷So don't be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

2. Stop Being Distracted.

a. Ephesians 5:18 (CSB)

¹⁸And don't get drunk with wine, which leads to reckless living, but be filled by the Spirit:

3. Walk in Love as Imitators of God.

a. Ephesians 5:19–21 (CSB)

¹⁹speaking to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making music with your heart to the Lord,

²⁰giving thanks always for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

²¹submitting to one another in the fear of Christ.

Are we making the most of every opportunity to share the Gospel and live for Jesus?