

**Follow the Example of Christ**  
**Ephesians 5:1-20**  
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1. God's great blueprint and our standard of love is the life and cross of Jesus Christ.

*We must notice the theme of the moral appeal. It isn't "avoid these things so that you can be a saint." Rather, it is "you are a saint; now live in a manner fitting for a saint." The constant moral appeal of the New Testament is simply this: be who you are in Jesus. –David Guzik*

*"Idolatry is anything or anyone that sits on the throne of your heart that isn't Jesus Christ."*

2. Living in Idolatry is in conflict with walking in the love of Christ.

*The Christians responsibility goes further than not participating in the sinful ways of the world. He or she is instead even to expose them... unfortunately, many Christians are so barely able to keep their own spiritual and moral houses in order that they do not have the discernment, inclination, or power to confront evil in the church or in society at large. We should be so mature in biblical truth, and in obedience, holiness, and love, that **part of the natural course of our life is to expose, rebuke, and offer the remedy for every kind of evil.** – John MacArthur*

3. Both living in darkness and not exposing it is in conflict with walking in the love of Christ.

*Titus 3:3-7*

### **Discussion Questions**

- a. What is one thing you remember your children used to imitate that you taught them (for better or for worse)? Also was there anything you did to imitate your parents when you were small?
- b. Paul calls for there to be no greed in the church. What would our lives and faith look like if God was greedy? We know of greedy earthly parents and what life is like for their children, what would a greedy creator mean for the life of his children?
- c. What is one of the most foolish ideas or practices you once lived out or thought were true? By the way this doesn't have to be in the realm or theology or morality.
- d. Do you think "exposing deeds of darkness" still has an effect in western society today? Why or why not?
- e. What are some opportunities you have right now that you may never have again? What is the wisest way for you to capitalize on these opportunities?