



Ephesians 5 & 6

Route 66

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Ephesians 5:1-2

“Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.”

- What does it look like to walk in the way of love.**
- What is love?**
- 3-14 has another list of what not to do.**

Ephesians 5:15-20

*“Be very careful, then, **how you live**—not as unwise **but as wise, making the most of every opportunity**, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but **understand what the Lord’s will is**. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, **be filled with the Spirit**, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

- What does it look like to be wise?**
- To make the most of every opportunity?**
- What is the Lord’s Will?** (Instead of what is God’s will for my life)
- What does it look like to be filled with the Spirit?**

Ephesians 5:19-20

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- End of Chapter 5 and beginning of 6 Paul talks to us about Christian Households**
- Husbands, Wives, Children, Fathers, Slaves, Masters.**

Ephesians 6:10-17

*“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. **For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”***

- What would happen if we went to battle with the wrong gear?**
- Showed up for a job without the right tools?**
- What type of war are we showing up to?**
- Are we always prepared and standing firm?**

After all of that Paul has one more great idea and practice for us...

Ephesians 6:18-20

*“**And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people. Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.”***

- How is your prayer life?**
- Are you praying for believers?**
- Are you praying the Gospel Message is being proclaimed fearlessly?**

Let’s end how we started with the Bible Project video.