

Ephesians 5:8-14

Walk as Children of Light

Points to Consider

1. You are Light in the Lord
2. Expose Darkness
3. Wake Up!

You are Light in the Lord

Eph 5:8 - We not only walked in darkness; we _____ darkness.

John 1:1-5 - Jesus came into the world to give life and light to a dying and dark world.

John 3:19-21 Some are going to love darkness more than light because they like _____ in sin. We all used to be content to live in darkness. Our old self was characterized with words like: (Eph 5:3-5 fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, filthiness, foolish talking, and coarse jesting) We are no longer darkness, but light in the _____. As a result, we should walk in the light as children of light. In 5:1 we are told to be imitators of God as dear children.

John 12:35-36 Jesus urged His disciples to believe in the light and to become _____ of light. (5:1)

Eph 5:9 *(for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth)* NKJV

Eph 5:9 *(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true)* ESV

The proof of being children of light and walking in light is bearing the _____ of the spirit: goodness, righteousness, and truth.

Rom 15:13-14 *Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. 14 Now I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.* NKJV

Paul knew that the Christians in Rome were _____ of goodness and filled with knowledge. Righteous – One who is as he ought to be. One who is not afraid to come to the light so his deeds can be exposed.

Truth – One who does not tell lies nor live lies. They are not hypocrites.

Eph 5:10 *finding out what is acceptable to the Lord.*

Those who walk as children of light search out what is _____ to God. Those who are light and walk as children of light want what God wants.

Example

Luke 10:30-37 - The two great commandments will help us keep _____ on what it means to walk as children of light.

Practical Application: Use the Bible and make a list of what being children of light looks like. When you get up in the morning, meditate on how you are going to live as a child of light. What are you going to do? Also, set your wallpaper on your phone to something that reminds you to walk as a child of light. If anyone wants to create a wallpaper to share with the rest of us, let me know!

Expose Darkness

Ephesians 5:11

We are to have _____ fellowship with the _____ works of darkness. In verse 7 we were instructed not to be partakers with the sons of disobedience. We are to _____ the works of darkness.

John 8:1-12 Jesus was not excusing this woman's sin. He was, however, exposing the _____ self-righteousness, and hypocrisy of the scribes and Pharisees.

John 2:13-17 Jesus very _____ exposed sin by driving the money changers out of the temple with a whip.

1 Cor 5:1-5 - Sometimes we must be very public in exposing a sin of which a brother refuses to _____.

1 Peter 4:1-6 - At times we expose sin by simply _____ participating in it.

Practical Application: First, stop participating in sin. Second, challenge yourself this week to talk to one of your friends who is participating in sin. Remember, the first step is always trying to persuade in private!

Wake Up!

Eph 5:14 *Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light."*

Paul says to _____ from sleep and to _____ from the dead.

Rom 13:11-14 *And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. 12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. 13 Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts. NKJV*

We need to see life clearly. If we are awake and alive, then the Lord will provide the light for us to see things clearly.