

Walk as Children of Light
An Exhortation for Sexual Purity

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Ephesians 5:3-14

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Book Theme Verse: Eph 4:1 Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called,

Outline

I.	Position of the Christian	1-3
II.	Practice of the Christian	4-6

- 1) Walk in Unity (4:1-16)
- 2) Walk in Holiness (4:17-32)
- 3) Walk in Love (5:1-6)
- 4) **Walk in Light (5:7-14)**
- 5) Walk in Wisdom (5:15-6:9)
- 6) Stand in Warfare (6:10-20)

Lesson Verse: Eph 5:8 for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light

Theme: Believers respond to love God has shown them in redeeming their lives through Christ and imparting the Holy Spirit by walking a manner worthy of their position in two ways: not participating in the deeds of darkness and walking as children of the light.

- I. **The Prohibition Against Engaging in Deeds of Darkness** 3-5
 1. Prohibition against **sexual actions** that violate God's standard of purity
 2. Prohibition against **sexual thoughts** that violate God's standard of purity
 3. Prohibition against **sexual speech** that violate God's standard of purity
 4. Instead of lusting for what you don't have, **be thankful** to God for all He has given you

II. The Product of Participation in Deeds of Darkness 5-7

1. Those who engage in the deeds of darkness will not inherit the kingdom of God
2. Those who engage in the deeds of darkness will receive the judgement of God
3. Do not join with or participate in the deeds of darkness which bear no fruit

III. The Purpose to Walk as Children of Light 7-14

1. We are Light in the Lord and we are to walk like we are children of Light
2. We are to walk with the fruit of all goodness
3. We are to walk with the fruit of righteousness
4. We are to walk with the fruit of truth
5. We are to walk by continually learning to please the Lord
6. We are to walk to expose the unfruitful deeds of darkness

IV. The Plea to the Unbeliever

1. The call to become a child of Light
2. You must repent of your deeds of darkness
3. You must believe in Lord Jesus Christ

Eph 5:8 but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light

Mt 5:16 “Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.