

## **“GROW UP & GET TO WORK!” [Part 10]**

### **A Series on the book of Ephesians**

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#### **Ephesians Chapter 5 Outline:**

- I. Walk in Love (5:1-7)
- II. Walk in the Light (5:8-14)
- III. Walk in Wisdom (5:15-21)
- IV. God’s Order for the Home (5:22-6:4)

#### **I. WALK IN LOVE (5:1-7)**

- A. As God’s children, we’re to imitate God (v. 1).
- B. To imitate God is to walk in love (v. 2).
  - 1. We’re to walk in love as Christ loved us.
  - 2. Walking in love is sacrificing for the benefit of others.
- C. To imitate God is to avoid sexual immorality, unrighteous thinking and living, covetousness, foolish talking and coarse jesting, but rather give thanks (vv. 3-4).
- D. Those who do have no kingdom inheritance (v. 5).
- E. Don’t be deceived. Sin has consequences (vv. 6-7).

#### **II. WALK IN LIGHT [truth] (5:8-14)**

- A. Walk as children of light [truth] (vv. 8-10).
- B. Expose works of darkness rather than participate (v. 11).
- C. Don’t empower works of darkness with words (v. 12).
- D. Expose works of darkness with the light/truth (v. 13).
- E. Wake up! Quit spiritually sleep walking (v. 14)!

#### **III. WALK IN WISDOM (5:15-21)**

- A. Live wisely and purposefully (v. 15; Ja. 1:5-6a; 3:17).
- B. Use your time wisely in these evil days (v. 16).
- C. Understand what the will of the Lord is (v. 17).
- D. Don’t be controlled by chemical substances but be filled with and controlled by the Spirit (vv. 18-19).
- E. Always give God thanks (v. 20).
- F. Live a life of mutual submission to others (v. 21).

**CONCLUSION:** How can we walk in wisdom and know God’s will? God is the source (Ja. 3:17). Ask God (Ja. 1:5-6a). Listen patiently for His answer. Learn from your experiences. Learn from others. Be filled with the Spirit!