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"COME UP, GROW UP, & GET TO WORK! – Pt. 6"
["Grow Up!" Pt. 3 (Ephesians 5:1-21)]
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INTRO: We're in a series of messages on the theme, **"Come Up, Grow Up, & Get to Work!"** – a series based on the book of Ephesians. Rather than going straight through Ephesians, we're covering it by focusing on these three main themes. You must Come Up to Grow Up, and you must Grow Up to effectively Get to Work. This morning we're going to continue the **"Grow Up!"** theme by working our way through Eph. 5:1-21.

I. WALK IN LOVE (Eph. 5:1-7)
A. As children of God we're to be imitators of God (v. 1).
B. We are called to walk in love (v. 2).
   1. As Christ loved us and gave Himself for us.
   2. This is received by God as an offering and a sweet-smelling sacrifice.
      a. What aroma is God smelling from your life?
      b. Love focuses more on giving than taking!
C. Things not fitting (appropriate) for saints (vv. 3-4): Fornication, uncleanness, covetousness, filthiness, foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, but rather thanksgiving (see 5:20).
D. The following have no inheritance in the kingdom of God: fornicator, unclean person, covetous man, who is an idolater (v. 5; Rom. 14:17).
E. Don't be deceived by empty words (vv. 6-7).

II. WALK IN LIGHT (Eph. 5:8-14)
A. We're called to walk as children of light [truth] (v. 8).
B. We're to let our light shine by how we live (vv. 9-10; Matt. 5:16).
   1. Discover and walk out what pleases the Lord.
C. Have no fellowship [partnership] with the unfruitful works of darkness but expose them (vv. 11-14).
   1. What we tolerate the next generation celebrates.
   2. Don't talk about the things done in darkness (v. 12).
   3. The light exposes darkness (v. 13).
   4. Wake up spiritually to Christ's light (v. 14).

III. WALK IN WISDOM (Eph. 5:15-21)
A. Live life carefully, intentionally, not foolishly (v. 15).
B. Make the most of time in these evil days (v. 16).
   1. Use your time as if you were buying it back.
   2. Use your time to fight evil and promote righteousness.
C. Understand what the will of the Lord is (vv. 17, 10; James 1:5-6a; 3:17).
   1. Ask God for this wisdom and ask in faith.
   2. Ask God what His will is.
   3. Listen patiently and expectantly for His answer!
   4. Saturate yourself in God's Word, which is His will.
   5. Learn from your experiences.
   6. Be open to the various ways God may use to give you wisdom and to reveal His will.
   7. Learn from others – both what to do and not to do.
D. Don't get drunk or high – don't get addicted (v. 18a).
E. Be constantly filled with God's Spirit (v. 18b).
F. Speak to one another in psalms (songs from the book of Psalms), hymns (composed worship songs) and spiritual songs (spontaneous songs influenced by the Holy Spirit (v. 19a). This requires us to be together!
G. Make melody in your heart to the Lord (v. 19b).
H. Give thanks always and submit to one another in the fear of God (v. 20).

CONCLUSION: Let's "Grow Up!" and live differently than the world!