



## Once you cross the line, keep on walking!

Ephesians 5:1-17

### I. Understanding the passage

5:1-2

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; <sup>2</sup> and **walk in love**, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

5:3-7

<sup>3</sup> But immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints; <sup>4</sup> and *there must be no* filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. <sup>5</sup> For this you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. <sup>6</sup> Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. <sup>7</sup> Therefore do not be partakers with them;

5:8-14

<sup>8</sup> for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; **walk as children of Light** <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of the Light *consists* in all goodness and righteousness and truth), <sup>10</sup> trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.

<sup>11</sup> Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them; <sup>12</sup> for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done by them in secret. <sup>13</sup> But all things become visible when they are exposed by the light, for everything that becomes visible is light. <sup>14</sup> For this reason it says,

“Awake, sleeper,  
And arise from the dead,  
And Christ will shine on you.”

5:15-17

<sup>15</sup> Therefore be careful how you **walk, not as unwise men but as wise,** <sup>16</sup> making the most of your time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is

## II. Principles for Living God's Best Life

1. Imitate God and love like Jesus
2. Recognize your new identity, step out of the darkness and shine Christ's light
3. Wisely make the most of your time by doing the Lord's will