

[Ephesians]

## **Lesson 7**

**Believers Should Live According  
to Their New Position in Christ.**

**(Part 2)**

**(Ephesians 5:1-21)**



# 1. God's Children Should Walk in Love.

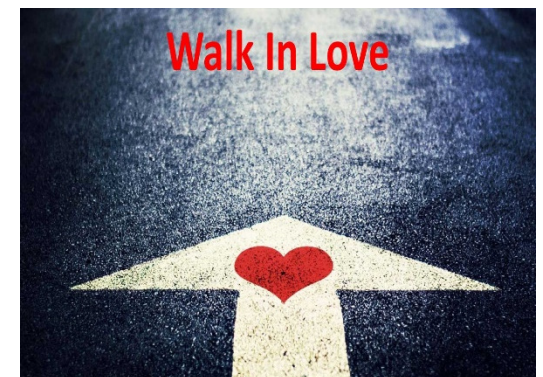


(Ephesians 5:1) *Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;*

[Eph. 4:32] Because Christ died on the cross, God has forgiven us.

[Eph. 2:1-3] When we were Satan's children, we lived sinful, selfish lives in disobedience to God.

\*Now God is our loving Father. We should follow God and walk in His ways—be the “new man”.



(Ephesians 5:2) *And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering (gift) and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour (smell).*

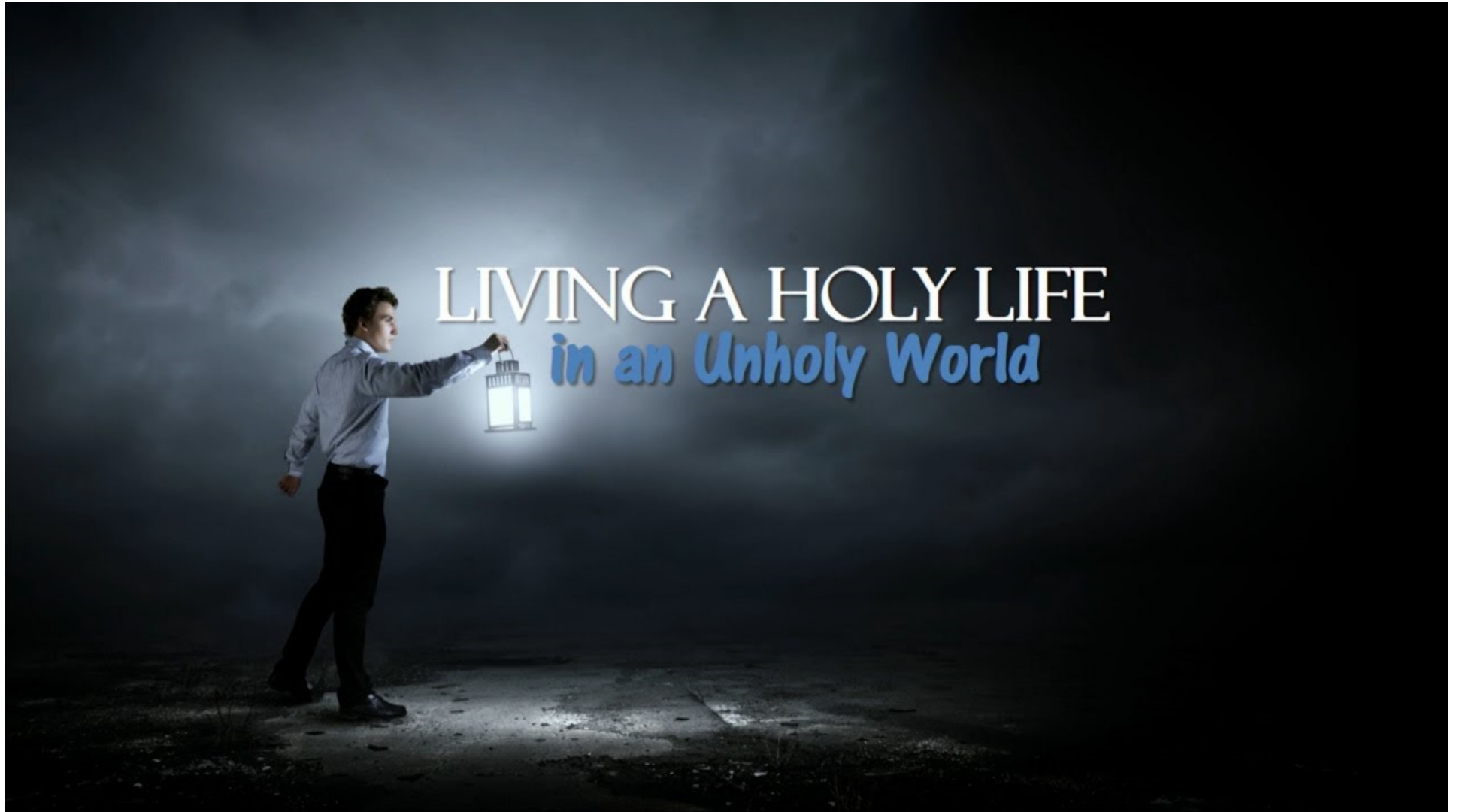


[Eph. 4:24] The “new man” is like Jesus—walks in God’s ways. We should copy Christ’s love.

We should love others like Christ loved us.

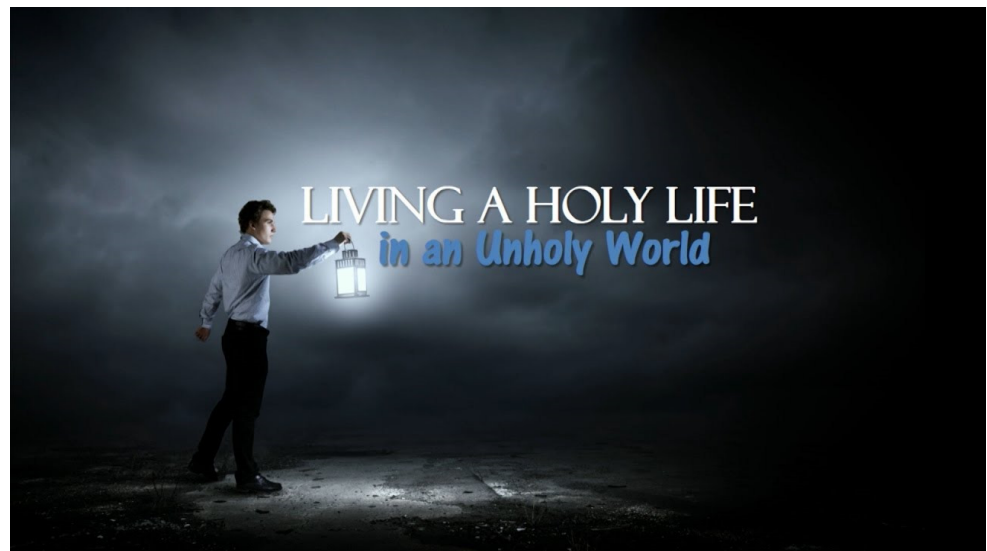
Christ’s “giving Himself for us” pleased God very much. We also can please God by giving ourselves in love for one another.

## 2. God's Children Should Live Holy Lives.

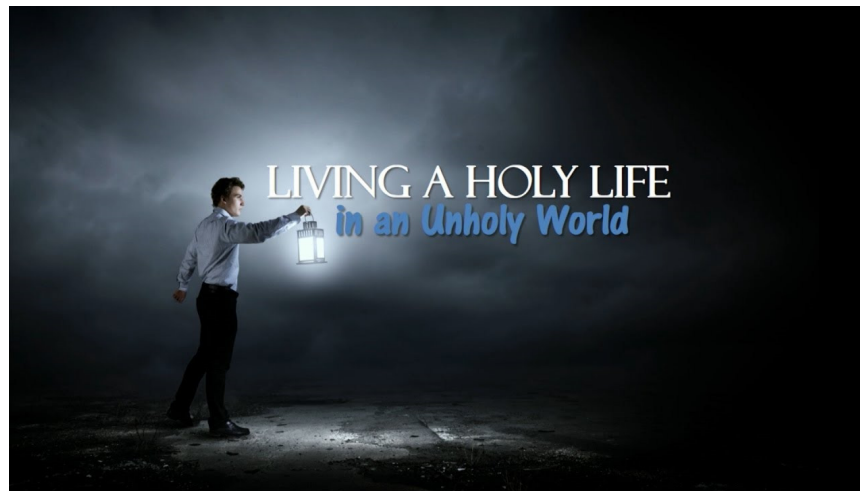


(Ephesians 5:3) *But fornication (sexual sin), and all uncleanness, or covetousness (never satisfied), let it not be once named among you, as becometh (right way) saints;*

As children of God, we should **not** do **any sexual sins** (NOT Do, Look or Think about sexual sins).



(Ephesians 5:4) *Neither filthiness (shameful), nor foolish talking (no wisdom), nor jesting (bad joking), which are not convenient (helpful): but rather giving of thanks.*



As God's children, our speaking should encourage right; NOT wrong. Our speaking should be helpful; NOT hurtful.

(Ephesians 5:5) *For this ye know, that no whoremonger (**sexually sinful person**), nor unclean person, **nor covetous man, who is an idolater,** hath any inheritance (**place or possession**) in the kingdom of Christ and of God.*

People that **love continuing in sin** are NOT God's children. God's children **want freedom from sin.**

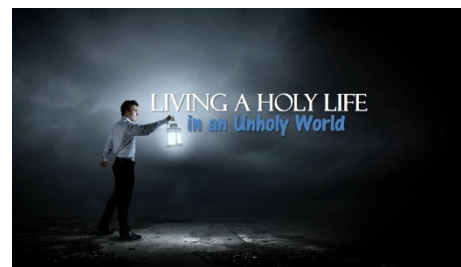


(illustration of washing off mud and pigs)

**Covetousness is the same as idolatry. It is loving the created things more than loving the Creator.**



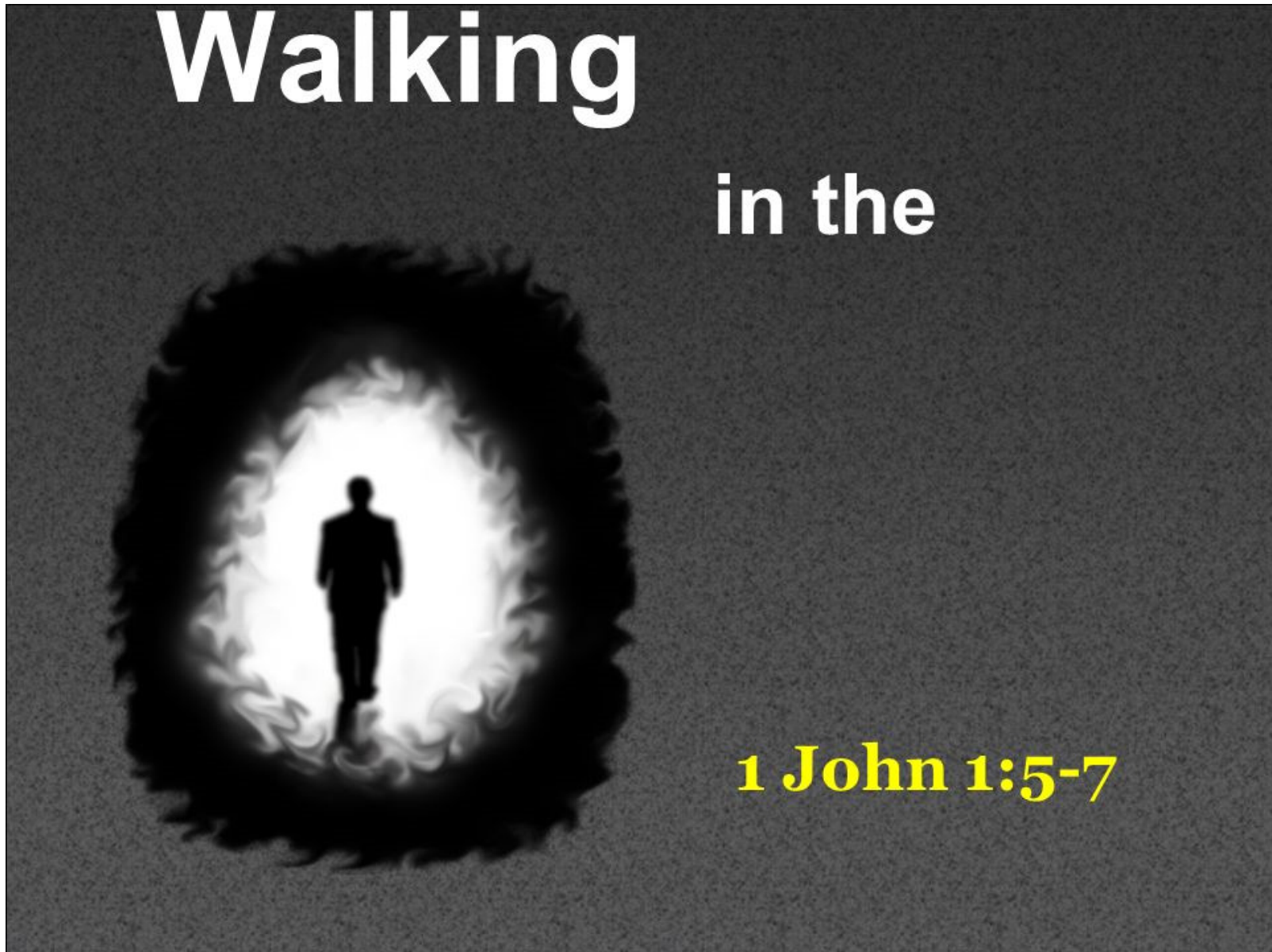
(Ephesians 5:6-7) *Let no man deceive you with vain (no profit) words: for because of these things (different sins) cometh the wrath (anger) of God upon the children of disobedience (Satan's family). (7) Be not ye therefore partakers (join in sinning) with them.*



[Gen. 6:5-7; 18:20-21; 19:24-25] God's wrath against sin (Flood, destruction of Sodom)

[Rom. 12:1-2] Don't copy the world; "put on the new man" which is like Jesus.

### 3. God's Children Should Walk in Light.

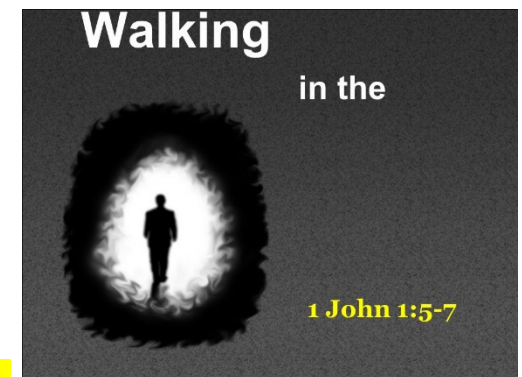


(Ephesians 5:8-9) *For ye were sometimes (past) darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: (9) (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)*

- **“darkness”** = lies and sin
- **“light”** = truth and righteousness

[Eph. 4:24; Rom. 13:12-14] we must “put off” the sinful works of “darkness”.

If we live in the “light”, we will be good trees—making good fruit (“goodness, righteousness, and truth”).



(Ephesians 5:10) *Proving what is acceptable (good) unto the Lord.*

\*We should NOT live in ignorance (not knowing) God's will.

\*We should put our full lives and all things into the "light" of God's Word... that it all may be examined/tested.

\*In the "light" of God's Word, all that is good and bad will be revealed.



(Ephesians 5:11) *And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove (show wrong) them (works of darkness).*

\*The unsaved are like unfruitful trees; nothing they do is acceptable to God.

[Mat. 3:10] All the unsaved—unfruitful trees, God will “cut down” and cast into the fire.

\*We must speak against sin.



(Ephesians 5:12) *For it is a shame even to speak of those things (works of darkness) which are done of them in secret.*

**\*Sin is very shameful.**



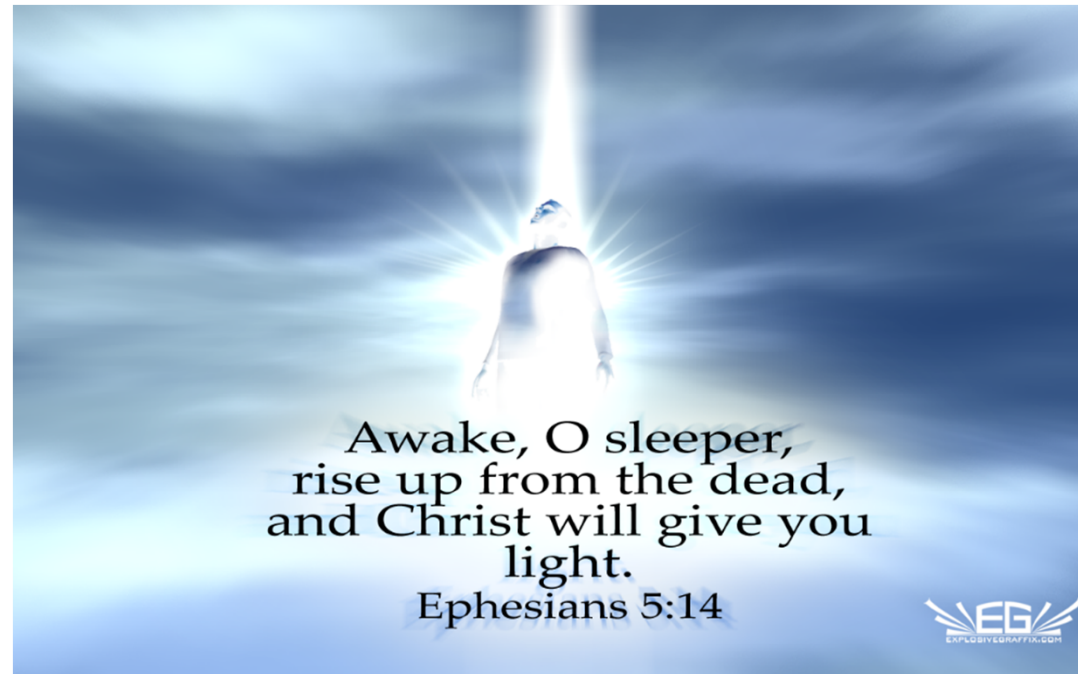
(Ephesians 5:13) *But all things that are reprov'd (shown wrong) are made manifest (open) by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest (open) is light.*



\*The holy lives of God's children exposes (shows) the sin of the children of darkness.

[John 16:7-11] The Holy Spirit in believers uses the Word of God which we teach to show the sinfulness of the children of darkness.

(Ephesians 5:14) *Wherefore he (God) saith,  
Awake thou that sleepest, and arise  
from the dead, and Christ shall give  
thee light.*



[Isaiah 60:1] Jesus is our light and life—He has come!  
\*People can receive the light and know the truth.



## 4. God's Children Should Walk in Wisdom.



(Ephesians 5:15) *See then that ye walk*  
*circumspectly* (*carefully*), *not as fools,*  
*but as wise,*



\*The wise Christian will learn and obey the Bible.

\*When we learn and obey the Bible, we are walking carefully.

\*The fool will reject the Bible and walk in his own ways.

(Ephesians 5:16) *Redeeming (saving) the time, because the days are evil.*

We live in a rebellious world that follows Satan.

We should use our time wisely so that we might win victories for our God.



(Ephesians 5:17) *Wherefore (so) be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.*

We must study the Bible in order that we may be wise—knowing God's will.



# 5. God's Children Should Walk in the Spirit.



(Ephesians 5:18) *And **be not drunk** (controlled) **with wine**, wherein is excess (*much*); but **be filled** (controlled) with the Spirit;*



(Matthew 6:7) But when ye pray, use **not** **vain** (*not good*) repetitions (*again and again*), as the heathen *do*: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

[Eph. 4:27] We must NOT give Satan a room in our lives to push us towards sinning.

Rather than allowing other things like **wine**, **music**, and **emotion** to control us, we should allow the Holy Spirit to control us.

When we learn and obey God's Word, the Holy Spirit is controlling us.

(Ephesians 5:19) *Speaking to yourselves in **psalms** and **hymns** and **spiritual songs**, singing and making melody (sound) in your heart to the Lord;*

Spirit-filled Christians are always wanting to sing to and about God.

***Psalms*** = Songs in the Bible

***Hymns*** = Songs about God

***Spiritual songs*** = Songs to God

God hears our hearts.



(Ephesians 5:20) ***Giving thanks always for all things*** unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;



Spirit-filled Christians are **always** thanking God for **all** things.

We thank God for the good and the bad— *“The LORD gave, and **the LORD hath taken away**; Blessed be the name of the LORD.”* ~Job 1:21

[Romans 8:28-29] We know that God works all things for our good... making us more like Jesus for His glory.

There are some Christian churches that teach that problems and sickness are always the work of Satan and sin, but here we teach that God sometimes allows problems for our good and we thank God for the problems. ~Romans 5:3



(Ephesians 5:21) *Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.*

Spirit-filled Christians will be humble to one another—not trying to be the boss over others.

\*[Eph. 4:2-3] In this way we can keep the unity...

We will do this because we fear God—our Boss.

