

WALK IN LOVE - NOT LUST PART II



Ephesians 5:3-7

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Ephesians 5:1-2 (NIV)

1. Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children 2. and **live (walk) a life of love**, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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Ephesians 5:3-4 (NIV)

3. But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. 4. Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, **but rather thanksgiving.**

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Ephesians 5:5-7 (NIV)

5. For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person--such a man is an idolater--has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. 6. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. 7. **Therefore do not be partners with them.**

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Ephesians 5:3-7

1. Cultural Concerns (5:3)
2. Condemnation (5:4-5)
3. Consequences (5:6-7)
4. Corrections (5:7)

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I. Cultural Concerns

"No hint of sexual immorality among you as fitting for saints." (vrs 3)

- Noah's Day (Genesis 6:5)
- Sodom & Gomorrah (Genesis 18:20)
- Rome & Greeks (Romans 1:24)
- Ephesus (history of the city)
- Corinth (I Corinthians 6:9-20, 2 Cor 12:21)
- Jesus Commands – Matthew 5:28

Matthew 5:28 But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

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II. Condemnation of “porneo”

"But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or impurity, or covetousness (which is idolatry)" (vrs 3)

- **Fornication – sexual immorality**
- **Uncleanness – impurity (all sex deviations)**
- **Covetousness – greed, (mind game)**
- **Obscene talk – vulgar, sex talk**
- **Fools-talk – “moros” communication**
- **Coarse joking – dirty jokes, sex jokes**

Lasciviousness, licentiousness, wontonness, inordinate affection, filthiness, profligacy, excess of riot, debauchery, etc.

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III. Consequences

"No immoral, impure or greedy person--such a man is an idolater --has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God." (v 5-6)

- **Pastoral Concern #1 – Lose salvation?**
- **Pastoral Concern #2 – Causing others to sin**
- **Pastoral Concern #3 – Dangerous liaisons**

1 Corinthians 10:12-13 So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! 13. No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

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IV. Correction

"Be thankful (v 4)... Do not be partakers with them. (v 7)

1. **Make up your mind – holy I am, will be**
2. **Make it right – repent and restore**
3. **Move away – run away, burn bridges**

How can thanksgiving be an antidote to covetousness, secret lusts, and evil sexual desires?

Genesis 3:6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it.

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Our Response

5. "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty." 6. Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. 7. With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." (Isaiah 6:5-7)

I Repent

*I regret the hours I have wasted
and the pleasures I have tasted
that you were never in.
And I confess that
though your love is in me,
it doesn't always win me when
competing with my sin.*

CHORUS

*And I repent, making no excuses.
I repent no one else to blame.
And I return to fall in love with Jesus.
I bow down on my knees and I repent.*

***I lament the idols I've accepted,
the commandments I've rejected
to pursue my selfish end.***

***And I confess I need you to revive me,
put selfishness behind me
and take up my cross again***

***And I return
to fall in love with Jesus.
I bow down on my knees
and I repent.***



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