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Series: Ephesians, #16

Ephesians 5:1-14

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Theme: **God's people should be godly.**

A life of love.

1. The compelling reason. (1)
2. The living example. (2)

A life of purity.

1. Things to avoid. (3-5, 7, 11)
2. "But why?" (5-11)

A life of light.

1. A present reality. (8)
2. Some practical implications. (8-14)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. Read 5:1-14. God's people should be godly. We are called to *mimic* Him in character and action. Go back to 4:1 and list (briefly) the marks of godliness and living worthy of your calling you find in chapter 4. Now survey 5:1-14, adding what you find here to the list.

Tuesday. Godliness includes living a life of love (1-2). Why is this important? Christ is our example and He also enables us to love others through the power of the Holy Spirit. Can you describe yesterday as a day you lived with love for others?

Wednesday. Godliness also includes living a life of purity. Check the references on the outline. Read 1 Peter 1:14-16. Review the list of things to avoid here in chapter 5. Are there impure things you *play with* or are trapped in? Why is it important to live a pure life? If you are struggling and failing, ask someone to pray for you specifically in these things, hold you accountable, and encourage you.

Thursday. In imitating God we are to live a life of light (8-14). What does Paul mean when he says believers "are light in the Lord" (8)? Work through verses 8-14 and list some practical implications of being light in the Lord, which also describe living a life of light.

Friday – Saturday. On Sunday we plan to look at *Watch Your Step!* from 5:15-20. Read and think through these verses as you prepare for our time of worship together.