

New Life Christian Fellowship
Bible Study
Ephesians Chapter 5

Welcome to the fifth of six studies of the Book of Ephesians.

Ephesians Chapter 5 teaches us how to walk in love, light, and wisdom while watching around us to be wary. We also learn the Christian principles of submission in different relationships.

Day One

1. Verse 1 of Ephesians Chapter 5 tells us to be imitators of God. How are we to imitate God? Who is our model?

2. How are we to live our lives according to Ephesians Chapter 5, verses 2, 8 and 15?

3. What are the six things Christians should not have in their lives according to verses 3 and 4 of Ephesians Chapter 5?

Day Two

1. What 2 reasons does Paul give for Christians to not have these six things in their lives?

2. Have you been in a group of people and someone begins to tell an off-color joke or story? What have you done or could you have done in these situations which are out of place for Christians?

3. What would be an example of a hint of sexual immorality or any kind of impurity or greed that we should not have in our lives according to verse three?

Day Three

1. How can we expose the fruitless deeds of darkness from verse 11? Read the following verses to gain an understanding: John 8:12; John 9:5; Acts 13:47; 2 Corinthians 4:6; and 2 Timothy 1:10.

2. In the following verses we are told to do certain things detailed below.
 - Verse 1 - Be imitators of God
 - Verse 7 - Therefore do not be partners with them
 - Verse 15 - Be very careful, then, how you live
 - Verse 17 - Therefore do not be foolish

- Verse 18 - Do not get drunk on wine

Each example also has a contrasting command(s).

List the contrasting verse(s) for each and the contrasting command(s).

3. Why is getting drunk a sin?

Day Four

1. What does it mean to submit ourselves to one another out of reverence for Christ (see verse 21)? Do the following verses from the Book of Romans provide us any ideas: Romans 12:10,16; 13:8; 14:13; and 15:7?

Do you think Jesus Christ provided us any examples from his life?

2. Who are the two audiences in verse 19 and how are they different, and how are they the same?

3. Please answer the question below if you are married.

A question for the married ladies

What makes it easy for you to submit to your husband as provided in verse 22?

A question for the husbands

What makes it easy for you to love your wife as provided in verse 25?

Day Five

1. What is meant by the phrase “*In this same way. . .*” in verse 28? What's the way that it's referenced?

2. Thinking back on what we've learned so far in this study, what do you think about the top three reasons for divorce today: Money, Sex and Alcohol?

3. The following verses from Ephesians Chapter 5 state how a husband must love his wife. What is an example of this type of love?

Verse 25 - Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her

Verse 28 - In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

Verse 33 - However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

Day Six

What specific things about today's culture are at odds with concepts of a wife submitting to her husband and a husband loving his wife as provided here in this Chapter of the Book of Ephesians?