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Ephesians 5:6-8 (NIV)

In The Light

Be very careful where you walk. Keep a close watch over how you live your life. I'm not sure what you have in mind. Can you be more specific? **Yes, I can be more specific. There are places you should not go. There are things you should not do. There are circumstances you should avoid. There are influences you should not allow into your life. There is counsel you should not accept.** Why are you saying these things to me? Can you tell me more? **You have left the life that you once lived. You have walked away from the darkness of your old life. You are no longer following the patterns, practices and values of the world. You are no longer living a sinful, self-centered and self-sufficient life. You are no longer living a self-indulgent and disobedience life. You want to know me. You want to live a life that is pleasing to me. You want to know and do my will. Instead of walking in the darkness, you want to live in the light with me. Is all of what I said true? Yes, I want to live and walk in the light with you. I want to know and do your will. In every way, I want to do what is pleasing to you. I want to live a life that is completely reliant on you. That is very good.**

To keep on walking in the light, you must continue to make a clean break with the darkness. The darkness of the world is all around you. You must not let yourself become part of it. You must separate yourself from all the darkness that is in the world. You must not allow your heart or mind or life to be conformed to the world and all its evil. You must walk away from darkness and you keep on walking forward in the light with me. I get it. I understand.

You will be a light in the world. You will shine brightly for me. You will stand out from all the evil that is in the world. You will live your life in such a way that others will see my life being lived out in you. Others will be drawn to me through the testimony of your life. I will use you to bear fruit for my kingdom and bring glory to my name. I will help you to live this life that I am calling you to live. Will you rely on me? Will you do what I ask? Yes Lord, I will.

Lord, at one time I was living in darkness. I followed all the values, patterns and practices of the world. I thought, and said and did what was evil. I have left that life behind me. Help me now to live and walk with you. Help me to live as your child of the light. Amen

Therefore *Live As Children Of Light*

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NIV Ephesians 5:6-8

Therefore *Live As People Of Light*

Don't be fooled by those who try to excuse these sins, for the anger of God will fall on all who disobey him. Don't participate in the things these people do. For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light!

NLT Ephesians 5:6-8

Therefore *Live As Children Of Light*

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes on those who are disobedient. Therefore do not be associated with them. For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—

NRSV Ephesians 5:6-8

Therefore *Walk As Children Of Light*

Let no one delude *and* deceive you with empty excuses *and* groundless arguments [for these sins], for through these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of rebellion *and* disobedience. So do not associate *or* be sharers with them. For once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of Light [lead the lives of those native-born to the Light].

AMP Ephesians 5:6-8

Therefore *Walk As Children Of Light*

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not be partakers with them; for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light

NASB Ephesians 5:6-8

Therefore *Walk As Children Of Light*

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not become partners with them; for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light

ESV Ephesians 5:6-8

Therefore *Walk As Children Of Light*

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not be partakers with them. For you were once darkness, but now *you are* light in the Lord. Walk as children of light

NKJV Ephesians 5:6-8

Therefore *No More Stumbling Around*

Don't let yourselves get taken in by religious smooth talk. God gets furious with people who are full of religious sales talk but want nothing to do with him. Don't even hang around people like that. You groped your way through that murk once, but no longer. You're out in the open now. The bright light of Christ makes your way plain. So no more stumbling around. Get on with it!

MSG Ephesians 5:6-8

Therefore *Your Behavior Should Show It*

Don't be fooled by those who try to excuse these sins, for the terrible wrath of God is upon all those who do them. Don't even associate with such people. For though once your heart was full of darkness, now it is full of light from the Lord, and your behavior should show it!

TLB Ephesians 5:6-8

Therefore *Live Like Children Who Belong To The Light*

Do not let anyone fool you by telling you things that are not true, because these things will bring God's anger on those who do not obey him. So have nothing to do with them. In the past you were full of darkness, but now you are full of light in the Lord. So live like children who belong to the light.

NCV Ephesians 5:6-8

Live As Children Of Light

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Therefore – Ephesians 5:6-8

In Context: *Read Ephesians 5*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

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What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

What must you separate yourself from if you want to leave the darkness of your old life?

How are you now walking in the light with the Lord?

What will hinder or help you to keep walking the light with the Lord?

What has the Lord used to help you keep on walking in the light with Him?

How has meeting daily with the Lord in His word helped you to keep walking in the light with Him?

When have you allowed yourself to become engaged in empty, meaningless and time wasting talk?

When has someone tried to deceive you with their empty, meaningless and time wasting talk?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Separate yourself from darkness so that you can live and walk in the light with the Lord.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord will help you to live and walk in the light with Him.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how you are living and walking in the light with the Lord.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you live and walk as a child of the light.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will live and walk in the light with you.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I live and walk in the light with you today?
