

IMITATING GOD!

Ephesians 5:1-7

God is delighted when we imitate Him ...
And Paul directs us to do just that!

I. THE “DO” LIST (1-2)

A. DO WATCH GOD (1)

1. Perceive: Closely consider
2. Practice: Synchronize
3. Participate: As beloved children

B. DO WALK AS CHRIST (2)

1. The Order: “Walk”
2. The Objective: “In love”
3. The Outline: “As Christ also loved you.”

II. THE “DON’T” LIST (3-4)

A. DON’T BE FILTHY

1. Avoid Indulgent Lusts (3a)
2. Avoid Indecent Language (4a)

B. DON’T BE FORGETFUL

1. Don’t Forget Your Position (3b)
 - Saints summoned to always be distinct from the dirty
2. Don’t Forget Your Praise (4b)
 - Keeping your mind and mouth focused on God is the perfect remedy for grime

III. **THE “DETERRENT” LIST** (5-7)

- Knowing these things should deter us from association with impurity.

A. THE **UNSAVED CONDITION** OF THE IMPURE (5)

- Those who worship at the shrine of sex and silver are unsaved!

B. THE **DECISIVE CONDEMNATION** OF THE IMPURE (6)

- They are disobedient, doomed and sometimes deceptive

C. THE **FORBIDDEN COOPERATION** WITH THE IMPURE (7)

1. The Dictum: Stay Away!

2. The Danger: Relapse!

CONCLUSION:

1. What will you do this week?

- Watch God and walk with Christ

2. What won't you do this week?

- Be filthy or forgetful

3. Will you be deterred from impurity this week?

- Remembering the condition, condemnation and forbidden cooperation of the impure

Remember that God is delighted when we imitate Him.

- What pattern are you tracing?

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