

LIGHT WALKING

Ephesians 5:8-14

Today let's consider some commands for light walkers.

I. WALK IN LIGHT (8-10)

A. DEMONSTRATE TRANSFORMATION (8)

1. Remember your dark past (but don't live there)
2. Consider your enlightened present (9)
3. Note your new priority (10)

B. DEVELOP GODLINESS (9)

1. The Source
 - Produced by constant contact with the light > Sonburn!
2. The Details
 - Goodness, righteousness and truth

C. LEARN WHAT PLEASURES THE LORD (10)

1. Be Ambitious: Trying to learn
2. Be Aware: You do not know it all
3. Be Analytical: Test everything
 - See I Thess. 5:21-22
4. Beyond "Acceptable:" What is delightful?

II. AVOID THE DARKNESS (11-12)

A. NO PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT (11a)

1. The Command
 - Never have anything to do with sinful deeds
2. The Condition
 - Stay away from the unfruitful works of darkness

B. NO PASSIVE TOLERANCE (11b)

1. The Command
 - Expose the deeds of darkness
2. A Caution
 - Avoid NGS ["Nodding Grandma Syndrome"]

C. NO INAPPROPRIATE DISCUSSION (12)

1. God's Analysis
 - The disgrace is in the details!
2. Our Application
 - Do not sensationalize sin!

III. **SHINE YOUR LIGHT** (13-14)

A. MAKE A DIFFERENCE (13)

1. Dispel the Darkness
2. Help Sinners See

B. TAKE THE MESSAGE (14)

- How will they hear without a preacher? - Rom. 10:13-14
1. Speak Up! (14a)
 2. Urgently Exhort (14b)
 - a. Wake Up!
 - b. Rise Up!
 - c. Open Up!

CONCLUSION:

Where are you walking today?

- In the sun or in the shadows?
- Pleasing the Lord or participating in evil?

What are you talking today?

- Disgrace or deliverance?
- About sin or about the Savior?

Are you walking light?