



Walk in Love

How to exercise the love of Christ at work

Ephesians 5:1-7

¹Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children
²and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

³But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. ⁴Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. ⁵For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a man is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. ⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. ⁷Therefore do not be partners with them.

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Discussion Questions:

5:1 – What is necessary to be an imitator of God?

How does being a dearly loved child of God help us to be an imitator of God?

5:2 – Why should love characterize our life?

How is the love of God different from the world's concept of love?

Why is Christ giving Himself up for us described “as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God?”

What does it mean to live a life of love at work?

How does living a life of love help a person to be more content with their job?

5:3 – What is improper for Christians and why?

Why is this list of improper behaviors following the command to be imitators of God?

Why does it say “*there must not be even a hint*” of improper behavior attributed to Christians?

What examples have you seen where Christians have tolerated a hint of improper behavior at work?

5:4 – What else should Christians abstain from and why?

Instead of improper talk, what should Christians do?

How should Christians give thanks to God at work?

How can you thank God when things do not go well?

5:5 – What happens to people who are characterized by improper behavior?

Not even Christians can perfectly avoid improper behavior so how can anyone be saved?

Why are those who are “*immoral, impure or greedy*” called idolaters?

5:6-7 – What is the result of being disobedient to God?

What kind of deceptive empty words should Christians be on their guard about at work?

How may Christians avoid partnering with the ungodly?

How may people avoid God's wrath?