

**A Worthy Life**  
**Week 13 – Dark and Light**  
**9-13-20**

**Series Verse:**

*"Live a life worthy of the calling you have received."*  
Ephesians 4:1 (NIV)

**1. The Ultimate \_\_\_\_\_.**

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

Ephesians 5:1-2 (NIV)

**A. \_\_\_\_\_: Imitate God.**

**B. \_\_\_\_\_: Love.**

**2. \_\_\_\_\_ Approach.**

**A. \_\_\_\_\_-Free.**

*"But 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. <sup>4</sup> Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. <sup>5</sup> For 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. <sup>6</sup> Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup> Therefore do not be partners with them. For you were once darkness."*

Ephesians 5:3-8a (NIV)

**Principle #1:**

Natural and repeated actions of the those in the darkness should not be practiced by people of the light.

*"As servants of God, live as free people, yet do not use your freedom as a pretext for evil."*

1 Peter 2:16 (NRSV)

**B. \_\_\_\_\_-Filled.**

*"...but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth)<sup>10</sup> and find out what pleases the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but*

*-rather expose them. <sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. <sup>13</sup> But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup> for it is light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said: "Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."*

Ephesians 5:8b-14 (NIV)

**Principle #2**

Action choices should be defined by examining them in the light of Jesus.

\* **Do not Perform.**

\* **Expose:** \_\_\_\_\_.

\* **Do Not Rehearse:**

**3. \_\_\_\_\_ Living.**

*"Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup> making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is."*

Ephesians 5:15-17 (NIV)

*"Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect."*

Romans 12:2 (NLT)

**4. \_\_\_\_\_ the light.**

*"Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit..."*

*"Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, <sup>20</sup> always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

Ephesians 5:18-20 (NIV)