**What's Involved in Actually Imitating God?**
Ephesians 5:1-14

Introduction:

1. Imitate: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. Passages where this word is used: I Corinthians 4:16; 11:1;
 I Thessalonians 1:6; 2:14 & Hebrews 6:12.

3. The implications of imitating God: Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:23; 14:27 & Matthew 10:38.

4. What are we to imitate & how?

**I. Stay Away from Imitating the World
- the Sons of Disobedience**

A. What are some of the attitudes of the world? - v3

 1. Sexual immorality = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 The attitude = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 2. Impurity = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 The attitude = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 3. Greed = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 The attitude = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

B. How are these attitudes developed? - v4

 1. Through obscenity = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
 This is what you allow yourself to be exposed to.

 2. Through foolish talking = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
 This is what you allow yourself to say.

 3. Through course joking = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
 This is laughing about immorality.

C. What does God think about exhibiting these attitudes? - v5

D. How can you stay away from these attitudes & behaviors? - v3 & 6-7

# II. Focus on Imitating the Lord - the Son of God

A. You can imitate the Lord by demonstrating His L\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - v2 & Hebrews 4:15.

B. You can imitate the Lord by demonstrating His L\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - v8.

 1. It produces good F\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - v9 & James 2:15-17.

 2. It proves what is A\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord - v10 & Romans 2:2.

 3. It exposes what is E\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - v11-14 & John 3:19-21.

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