

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 coarse 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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