

Pre-Service Loop

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Warm-up

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Service

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Imitators of God



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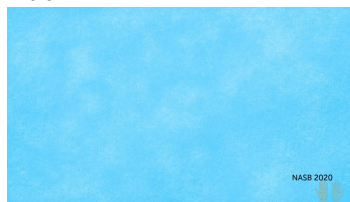
Thesis

Proposition:

Man's sin was that he wanted to be like God in quality (Genesis 3:5), God's command is that man is to be like God in holiness (Leviticus 19:2; Matthew 5:48 <perfection>; Luke 6:37 <merciful>; full of graciousness (Ephesians 4:32), to be an imitator of God (Ephesians 5:1-17).

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Intro sit, stand, walk

Paul's Admonition to the Ephesians:

- Sit (Ephesians 2:4-6)
- Walk (Ephesians 5:1-17)
- Stand (Ephesians 6:11)

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Ephesians 5:1

<sup>1</sup> Therefore be **imitators** of God, as beloved children;

Ephesians 5:1

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Define Imitate

Imitate:

- Mimic
  - Matthew 5:48
- Walk
  - Hebrews 12:2

## Hebrews 12:2

fixing our eyes on Jesus, the **pioneer** and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:2

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## Outline

Lesson road map:

We are to imitate our Father because:

- God is **love** (vs. 2)
- God is **light** (vs. 8)
- God is **truth** (vs. 15)

## God is Love (Ephesians 5:1-2)

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Ephesians 5:1-2

## Ephesians 5:1-2

<sup>1</sup> **Therefore be imitators** of God, as beloved children;

Ephesians 5:1-2

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## God is Love

God is Love

## Application

Application:

When we practice being God or being perfect as our heavenly Father, we will understand that we don't have any time to waste in darkness.

## God is Light (Ephesians 5:3-14)

**God is Light**  
Ephesians 5:3-14

Ephesians 5:3-4

<sup>3</sup> But **sexual immorality** (porneia) or **any impurity** or **greed** must not **even** be mentioned among you, as is **proper among saints**;

Ephesians 5:3-4

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God is Light

God is Light

- We are saints (3-4)

Ephesians 5:5-6

<sup>5</sup> For this you **know with certainty**, that no **sexually immoral** or **impure** or **greedy** person, which **amounts to an idolater**, has an inheritance in the **kingdom of Christ and God**.

Ephesians 5:5-6

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Ephesians 5:7-14

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel."

Ephesians 5:7-11 (NASB 2020)

Be Careful How You Walk (Ephesi...

**Be Careful How You Walk**  
Ephesians 15-17

Ephesians 5:15-17

<sup>15,16</sup> So then, be careful how you walk, **not** as unwise people but as wise, **making the most of your time**, because the days are evil.

Ephesians 5:15-17

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Be Careful How You Walk (Ephesi...

Be Careful How You Walk

## Application

Application: Line of thought has been -  
Imitate God, be holy as God is, be perfect  
as our Father in heaven...Our goal is to live,  
act, think, and speak so that God is  
reflected and not darkness, that our light  
exposes sin and not makes the world  
darker. This is wisdom.

## Final Thoughts

Final Thoughts - Your Turn

## Imitators of God



## Post-Service Loop

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### Bible



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