

“Building a New You: #NewPurity”

Ephesians 5:3-14

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CHILDREN OF LIGHT LIVE CONSISTANTLY: MAKING NO EXCUSES, SHINING IN THE DARKNESS, AND EXPOSING SIN.

1) CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT LIVE CONSISTANTLY (v. 3–5)

2) MAKING NO EXCUSES (v. 6)

3) SHINE AS IN THE DARKNESS (v. 7–11a)

4) EXPOSING SIN (v. 11b–14)

READ AHEAD FOR NEXT WEEK: Ephesians 5:15-20

Discussion Questions

ICEBREAKER: How would you respond if a Christian friend confides in you that they’ve been having premarital or extramarital relations, but don’t believe it’s wrong?

- 1) Compare the similarities and differences in the terms: sexual immorality, impurity, and greed.
- 2) How is greed connected to idolatry?
- 3) Why are these behaviors inappropriate for Christians?
- 4) In your own words, what kind of language is out of place in the Christian lifestyle?
- 5) How does thanksgiving help combat the sins listed in our passage so far?
- 6) Does verse 5 describe a believer or non-believer’s identity?
- 7) What are some “empty words” you’ve heard or used to justify sin?
- 8) Describe the kind of relationship Christians should have with disobedient people, and why. (v. 7-11)
- 9) What could help you discover what pleases the Lord?
- 10) Why is the goal to expose or shine light on fruitless deeds of darkness? (Matthew 18:15-20)
- 11) How do we need God’s light to shine on and transform us today?
- 12) How can we pray for you in light of this passage?