

Be Imitators of God
And Walk in Love
Ephesians 4:25-5:2

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Children 5:8
of Light

Loving the Work of the King
Working the Love with the King
Equipping Kingdom Citizens

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The words Jesus gave the apostles
have been handed down from one
generation of disciple to another.



Embodying, **through grace**, the priorities of a disciple
(OF CHRIST)
& passing them along in relationship for God's glory.

Learn
Christ

No Longer Walk In Darkness

Put Off *Surrender*

Abide

Put On
Worship

Darkness
Alienated
Ignorance
Callous

Futility
Impurity
Greed
Sensuality

The riches of
God's grace
keeps the "do"
in its place.

3 Scriptures from Jesus' Words and Example

Mark 3:14 And He appointed **twelve**, so that they would be **with Him** and that **He could send them out** to preach.

Luke 6:40 A pupil is not above his teacher; but everyone, after he has been **fully trained**, will be **like his teacher**.

Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

19 Go therefore and **make disciples** of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

3 Scriptures from Paul's Words and Example

Colossians 1:28 We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and **teaching every man with all wisdom**, so that we may **present every man complete in Christ**. 29 For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.

1 Thessalonians 1:6 You also became **imitators** of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much tribulation with the joy of the Holy Spirit, 7 so that you became an **example**...

2 Timothy 2:2 The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to **faithful men** who will be able to teach **others also**.

**“A disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ
is a Spirit empowered imitator
of God’s Son,
who actively and passively
serves as an object
of imitation for others,
to the glory of the Father.”**

Dr. Witte

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- Since we belong to one another, lying hurts one another.
- Anger easily crosses into sin and eats away at relationships so nip it in the bud.
- The enemy wants lies to replace truth and anger to replace love.

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- The person who stole selfishly must now work in order to contribute to someone else's need.
- This is a great example of what it looks like to die and rise with Christ.

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- This is about building up and giving grace.
- The Holy Spirit marks us for God's exclusive use and purposes.
- We belong to God and are destined for full redemption.
- Give The Holy Spirit an opportunity.

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- See the hostility in bitterness, wrath, anger and slander.
- 4:1 Walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called.
- Kindness and forgiveness are key to Christian community.
- The Spirit-filled life offers goodwill toward other people.

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- Reflect the life and love of God. (Mimic)
- Love is a lifestyle and way of life.
- Love God. [Love God's Love.] Love People.

Practical Application:

Turn Up God's Example.

Loving the Work of the King —TURN UP

Blow Up Self-Centeredness.

Working the Love with the King —TURN OUT for others!

Two Questions:

Do you look like love?

Are you a display of forgiveness?

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