



## Love, Light and Wisdom

7/4/21 Ephesians 5:1-21

### Walk in Love

“Therefore be **imitators of God** as dear children. **And walk in love**, as Christ also **has loved us and given Himself for us**, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma. But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; neither filthiness, nor **foolish talking, nor coarse jesting**, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any **inheritance in the kingdom** of Christ and God. **Let no one deceive you** with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the **sons of disobedience**. Therefore do not be partakers with them.” Ephesians 5:1-7 NKJV

Imitate God

- ☑ Walk in Love
- ☑ He gave his life as an example
- ☑ Let know one deceive you
- ☑ Son's of disobedience

## **Imitate Yahweh—and you can! You have His mind**

“Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.” I Corinthians 11:1 NKJV

### **Step One Only**

“And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you except **Jesus Christ and Him crucified**. I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.” I Corinthians 2:1-5 NKJV

### **Step Two to Infinity**

“However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our

glory, which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him." But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. For "who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?" **But we have the mind of Christ.**" I Corinthians 2:6-16 NKJV

### **Your Divine Nature**

"Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as **His divine power** has given to us all things

that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us **exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." II Peter 1:2-4 NKJV

### **How?**

"But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness **love**." II Peter 1:5-7 NKJV

1. Virtue
2. Knowledge
3. Self Control
4. Perseverance
5. Godliness
6. Brotherly Love
7. Love (is the Divine Nature)

### **God is Love**

"He who does not love does not know God, for God is love."  
I John 4:8 NKJV

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for **God is love**. In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but **that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins**. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.” I John 4:7-11 NKJV

### **The Love of God is in You!**

“No one has seen God at any time. **If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us**. By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. **And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.**” I John 4:12-16 NKJV

### **What is Love?**

“Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, **but have not love**, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, **but have not love**, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but **have not love**, it profits me nothing. **Love** suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. **Love never fails**. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away. When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. **And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.**” I Corinthians 13:1-13 NKJV

1. Patience—
2. Kindness—
3. Does not envy—
4. Doesn't boast—
5. Is not proud—
6. Does not dishonor other
7. Not self seeking—
8. Not easily angered—
9. Keeps no records of wrong— (see 2 Peter 1:9)
10. Does not delight in evil—
11. Rejoices in truth—
12. Always protects—
13. Always trusts—
14. Always hopes—
15. Always persevere—
16. Never fails—

“Now faith, hope, and love remain—these three things—and the greatest of these is love.” 1 Corinthians 13:13

### **He Gave Himself! No greater love**

“This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. **Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.**” John 15:12-13 NKJV

**If you love God...**

**“If you love Me, keep My commandments.** And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.” John 14:15-18 NKJV

### **Don't be Deceived**

1. Live as if God is not watching
2. Live as if what you do does not matter
3. Live as if God will bless you anyway—even if you just want to do your own thing
  - a) “You have wearied the LORD with your words; Yet you say, “In what way have we wearied Him? ” In that you say, **“Everyone who does evil Is good in the sight of the LORD, And He delights in them,”** Or, “Where is the God of justice?”” Malachi 2:17 NKJV
  - b) ““Your words have been harsh against Me,” Says the LORD, “Yet you say, ‘What have we spoken against You?’ You have said, **‘It is useless to serve God; What profit is it that we have kept His ordinance,** And that we have walked as mourners Before the LORD of hosts? **So now we call the**



**proud blessed, For those who do wickedness are raised up;**

They even tempt God and go free.' "" Malachi 3:13-15 NKJV

4. Doing so puts you in the category of "children of disobedience" instead of "children of God".

## **Walk in Light**

"For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.

**Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth),** finding out what is **acceptable to the Lord.** And have **no fellowship** with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. **But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light.** Therefore He says: **"Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light."** Ephesians 5:8-14  
NKJV

- Children of Light
- Fruit of the Spirit
- What is acceptable to the Lord?
- Don't Fellowship with Darkness
- Light exposes all things

☑ WAKE UP!

## **The Light of the World—Exposing the sin of those who are bent on exposing sin!**

“But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Now early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people came to Him; and He sat down and taught them. Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him **a woman caught in adultery**. And when they had set her in the midst, they said to Him, “Teacher, this woman was caught in adultery, in the very act. Now Moses, in the law, commanded us that such should be stoned. But what do You say?” This they said, testing Him, that they might have something of which to accuse Him. **But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with His finger**, as though He did not hear. So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, “He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first.” **And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground.** Then those who heard it, being convicted by their conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, **“Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?”** She said, **“No one, Lord.”** And Jesus said to her,

**“Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more.”** Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, **“I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”**” John 8:1-12 NKJV

**Note about what Y’shua was writing on the ground:** “O LORD, the hope of Israel, All who forsake You shall be ashamed. **“Those who depart from Me Shall be written in the earth, Because they have forsaken the LORD,** The fountain of living waters.”” Jeremiah 17:13 NKJV

### **Let Your light Shine**

**““You are the light of the world.** A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they **light a lamp** and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. **Let your light so shine before men,** that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:14-16 NKJV

### **The law is a lamp unto my feet**

“How sweet are Your words to my taste, Sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way. **Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my**

**path.** I have sworn and confirmed That I will keep Your righteous judgments.” Psalms 119:103-106 NKJV

**Note:** All 176 verses of Psalm 119 talk of how sweet and wonderful God’s laws are!

**Fruit of the Spirit** —the fruit of the Spirit **is in** all:

1. **goodness**
2. **righteousness**
3. **truth**

Anything good, righteous and true will contain the elements of the **fruit of the Spirit** and will expose what is acceptable to Yahweh!

“**But the fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.” Galatians 5:22-25 NKJV

**Look at the contrast between walking in the Spirit vs. the Flesh in the previous six verses of Galatians 5!**

“I say then: **Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.** For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. But if you are led by the Spirit, **you are not under the law.** Now the **works of the flesh** are evident, which are: **adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like;** of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that **those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.**” Galatians 5:16-21 NKJV

**Note:** do you see how this backs up Ephesians 5:5? “For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, **has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.**”

**The Fruit of the Spirit finds out what is acceptable to the Lord.**

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, **acceptable to God,** which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good **and acceptable** and perfect will of God.” Romans 12:1-2 NKJV

**Don't Fellowship with darkness but rather let you light expose the darkness. All things that are exposed are made manifest by the light**

**What communion has light with darkness?**

“O Corinthians! We have spoken openly to you, our heart is wide open. You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted by your own affections. Now in return for the same (I speak as to children), you also be open. Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And **what communion has light with darkness?** And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? **And what agreement has the temple of God with idols?** For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: “I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people.” **Therefore “Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you.” “I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the LORD Almighty.”**” II Corinthians 6:11-18 NKJV

**Exposing What is in the Heart!**

“For **the word of God** is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, **piercing even to the division of soul and spirit,** and of joints and marrow, and **is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.** And there is no creature hidden from His sight, **but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.**” Hebrews 4:12-13 NKJV

“**Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light.**”

### **Isaiah 51**

“**Awake, awake! Stand up,** O Jerusalem, You who have drunk at the hand of the LORD The cup of His fury; You have drunk the dregs of the cup of trembling, And drained it out. **There is no one to guide her Among all the sons she has brought forth; Nor is there any who takes her by the hand Among all the sons she has brought up.** These two things have come to you; Who will be sorry for you?— Desolation and destruction, famine and sword— **By whom will I comfort you? Your sons have fainted,** They lie at the head of all the streets, Like an antelope in a net; They are full of the fury of the LORD, The rebuke of your God. **Therefore please hear this, you afflicted, And drunk but not with wine. [but rather with willingness to be deceived and abused]** Thus says your Lord, The

LORD and your God, Who pleads the cause of His people: "See, I have taken out of your hand The cup of trembling, The dregs of the cup of My fury; You shall no longer drink it. But I will put it into the hand of those who afflict you, **Who have said to you, 'Lie down, that we may walk over you.'** And you have laid your body like the ground, And as the street, for those who walk over."” Isaiah 51:17-23 NKJV

## Isaiah 52

**“Awake, awake! Put on your strength,** O Zion; Put on your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city! For the uncircumcised and the unclean Shall no longer come to you. **Shake yourself from the dust, arise;** Sit down, O Jerusalem! Loose yourself from the bonds of your neck, O captive daughter of Zion! For thus says the LORD: **“You have sold yourselves for nothing,** And you shall be redeemed without money.” For thus says the Lord GOD: “My people went down at first Into Egypt to dwell there; Then the Assyrian oppressed them without cause. Now therefore, what have I here,” says the LORD, **“That My people are taken away for nothing?** Those who rule over them Make them wail,” says the LORD, “And My name is blasphemed continually every day. Therefore My people shall know My name; Therefore they shall know in that day That I am He who speaks: ‘Behold, it is I.’ ” **How**



**beautiful upon the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news, Who proclaims peace, Who brings glad tidings of good things, Who proclaims salvation,** Who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!" Your watchmen shall lift up their voices, With their voices they shall sing together; For they shall see eye to eye When the LORD brings back Zion. Break forth into joy, sing together, You waste places of Jerusalem! For the LORD has comforted His people, He has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has made bare His holy arm In the eyes of all the nations; And all the ends of the earth shall see The salvation of our God. **Depart! Depart! Go out from there, Touch no unclean thing;** Go out from the midst of her, Be clean, You who bear the vessels of the LORD. **For you shall not go out with haste, Nor go by flight;** For the LORD will go before you, And the God of Israel will be your rear guard." Isaiah 52:1-12 NKJV

**You See!**

**Therefore "Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean,** And I will receive you." "I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the LORD Almighty."" II Corinthians 6:11-18 NKJV

**Isaiah 60**

**“Arise, shine; For your light has come!** And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the LORD will arise over you, **And His glory will be seen upon you.** The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising. “Lift up your eyes all around, and see: They all gather together, they come to you; Your sons shall come from afar, And your daughters shall be nursed at your side. Then you shall see and become radiant, And your heart shall swell with joy; **Because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, The wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you.”**

Isaiah 60:1-5 NKJV

## **Walk in Wisdom**

“See then that you **walk circumspectly**, not as fools but as wise, **redeeming the time, because the days are evil.** Therefore **do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.** And do not be drunk with wine, in **which is dissipation;** but **be filled with the Spirit**, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, **giving thanks always** for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, **submitting to one another** in the fear of God.”

## Ephesians 5:15-21 NKJV

- ☑ Walk Circumspectly as a wise man
- ☑ Redeem the time! The days are evil!
- ☑ Understand the will of the Lord
- ☑ Do not dissipate your energy
- ☑ Be filled with the Spirit
- ☑ Give thanks
- ☑ Submit to one another

### **Be careful and pay attention! Exercise Wisdom**

“The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel: **To know wisdom and instruction**, To perceive the words of understanding, To receive the instruction of wisdom, Justice, judgment, and equity; To give prudence to the simple, To the young man knowledge and discretion— **A wise man will hear and increase learning**, And a man of understanding will attain wise counsel, To understand a proverb and an enigma, The words of the wise and their riddles. **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction.**” Proverbs 1:1-7 NKJV

“Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil.” Proverbs 3:7 NKJV

“Hear, my children, the instruction of a father, And give attention to know understanding; For I give you good doctrine: **Do not forsake my law.** When I was my father’s son, Tender and the only one in the sight of my mother, He also taught me, and said to me: “Let your heart retain my words; **Keep my commands, and live. Get wisdom!** Get understanding! Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth. **Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you; Love her, and she will keep you. Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom.** And in all your getting, get understanding.” Proverbs 4:1-7 NKJV

### **Be sober — the path of the righteous**

“Likewise you younger people, **submit yourselves to your elders.** Yes, all of you be **submissive to one another,** and be clothed with humility, for “**God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.**” Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. **Be sober, be vigilant;** because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.” I Peter 5:5-8 NKJV

### **Understand His will**

“Indeed you are called a Jew, and rest on the law, and make your boast in God, **and know His will**, and approve the things that are excellent, **being instructed out of the law**,” Romans 2:17-18 NKJV

“What advantage then has the Jew, or what is the profit of circumcision? **Much in every way! Chiefly because to them were committed the oracles of God.**” Romans 3:1-2 NKJV

### **God Ordains Your Steps**

“A man’s heart plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps.”

Proverbs 16:9 NKJV

Redeem the time and don’t dissipate your energy?

- 168 hours per week
- What are you investing in?
- What are you sending your energy on?
- With all that is going on around; are you being wise and circumspect?

### **Be Filled With The Spirit — Romans 8**

“**But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you.** Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. And if Christ is in you, the body is dead

because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you." Romans 8:9-11 NKJV

### **Give Thanks**

"Oh, **give thanks** to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever." I Chronicles 16:34 NKJV

"And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; **and be thankful.**" Colossians 3:15 NKJV

"Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it **with thanksgiving;**" Colossians 4:2 NKJV

### **The Days are Evil**

"But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear. For your hands are defiled with blood, **And your fingers with iniquity; Your lips have spoken lies, Your tongue has muttered perversity. No one calls for justice, Nor does any plead for truth. They trust in empty words and speak lies; They conceive evil and bring forth iniquity. They hatch vipers' eggs and weave the spider's web; He**

**who eats of their eggs dies,** And from that which is crushed a viper breaks out. Their webs will not become garments, Nor will they cover themselves with their works; Their works are works of iniquity, And the act of violence is in their hands. Their feet run to evil, And they make haste to shed innocent blood; Their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; Wasting and destruction are in their paths.”  
Isaiah 59:2-7 NKJV

**Do not fret but instead... Delight, Commit, Trust!**

**“Do not fret because of evildoers, Nor be envious of the workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass,** And wither as the green herb. **Trust** in the LORD, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness. **Delight** yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart. **Commit** your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, **And He shall bring it to pass.** He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, And your justice as the noonday. Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him; **Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way,** Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass. Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; **Do not fret— it only causes harm.** For evildoers shall be cut off; But those who wait on the LORD, They shall inherit the earth. **For yet a little while and the wicked shall be no more;** Indeed, you will look carefully for his place, But it shall be no

more. **But the meek shall inherit the earth, And shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.**" Psalms 37:1-11 NKJV