

7 Life Lessons from Ephesians

Part 5: Imitate God! (Ephesians 4:17-5:2)

The Big Picture: Be _____ of God!

"Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love." Eph. 5:1,2a ESV



The details - What do the "pixels" look like? (5 A's...)



"What this adds up to, then, is this: no more lies, no more pretense. Tell your neighbor the truth. In Christ's body we're all connected to each other, after all. When you lie to others, you end up lying to yourself. Ephesians 4:25 The Message



"Be angry and do not sin." Ephesians 4:26a ESV

"And don't sin by letting your anger control you. Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry." Eph 4:26 NLT



"He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need." Eph. 4:28 NIV



"Do not use harmful words, but only helpful words, the kind that build up and provide what is needed, so that what you say will do good to those who hear you." Eph. 4:29 GNT



"Don't grieve God. Don't break his heart. His Holy Spirit, moving and breathing in you, is the most intimate part of your life, making you fit for himself. Don't take such a gift for granted." Ephesians 4:30 The Message.

If I struggle with this "new life," imitating God, what do I do? Where do I look?

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The wrong example: "in the futility of their minds." Eph. 4:17 ESV

The right example: "to be renewed in the spirit of your minds." Eph. 4:23 ESV