

EPHESIANS

A Holy Walk
Ephesians 5:3-6

I Peter 1:14-16

¹⁴ As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts *which were yours* in your ignorance, ¹⁵ but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all *your* behavior; ¹⁶ because it is written, “YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY.”

1 Peter 2:9

⁹ But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR *God's* OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

(Requires)

I) Taking sin seriously.

I Corinthians 6:18(a)

¹⁸ Flee immorality.

Hebrews 13:4

⁴ Marriage *is to be held* in honor among all, and the *marriage* bed *is to be* undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

Isaiah 43:25

²⁵ “I, even I, am the one who
wipes out your transgressions
for My own sake,
And I will not remember your
sins.

Psalm 103:12

¹² As far as the east is from the west,
So far has He removed our transgressions from us.

“One should not speak about
what one would not do.”

- Herodotus

“Such unholy things should not be acceptable subjects of conversation among people whom God has called to be holy.”

- F. F. Bruce

Exodus 23:13

¹³ Now concerning everything which I have said to you, be on your guard; and do not mention the name of other gods, nor let *them* be heard from your mouth.

“All three refer to a dirty mind
expressing itself in dirty
conversation.”

- J. R. Stott

I Thessalonians 5:18

¹⁸ in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Psalm 100:4

⁴ Enter His gates with
thanksgiving

And His courts with praise.

Give thanks to Him, bless His
name.

(Requires)

II) Knowing the danger of sin.

“Do Christians fall into these sins? Of course! But true Christians will not persist in them, for persistence in sensuality is a graceless state.”

- T. Merida

I John 3:7-10

⁷ Little children, make sure no one deceives you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous; ⁸ the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil. ⁹ No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. ¹⁰ By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother.

Galatians 5:19-21

¹⁹ Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality,
²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, ²¹ envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

I Corinthians 6:9-10

⁹ Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor *the* covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God.

I Corinthians 6:11

¹¹ Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

“No practicing sinner, no
unrepentant sensualist, has
eternal life.”

- K. Hughes

Romans 7:18-19

¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good *is not*. ¹⁹ For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want.

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III) Avoiding being deceived.

“Don’t be fooled by those who
try to excuse these sins.”

- Living Paraphrase