

Walk as Light (Part II)

Ephesians 5:11-17

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John 8:12

¹² Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, “I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.”

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I. Issue of Non – Participation.

Isaiah 5:20

²⁰ Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!

“To ignore evil is to encourage it; to keep quiet about it is to help promote it. When those around you see you helping rather than exploiting, hear you talking with purity instead of profanity, and observe you speaking truthfully rather than deceitfully, your example will itself be a rebuke of selfishness, unwholesome talk, and falsehood.”

- J. MacArthur

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- By Open Rebuke

Matthew 18:15

¹⁵ “If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother.

I Timothy 5:20

²⁰ Those who continue in sin,
rebuke in the presence of all, so
that the rest also will be fearful *of*
sinning.

Proverbs 27:5

⁵ Better is open rebuke than love
that is concealed.

John 3:19 & 20

¹⁹ This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.

Psalms 119:105

¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

Psalms 119:130

¹³⁰ The unfolding of Your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

Proverbs 6:23a

²³ For the commandment is a lamp and
the teaching is light;

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I Thessalonians 5:21

²¹ But examine everything *carefully*;
hold fast to that which is good;

Colossians 4:5

⁵ Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity.

Proverbs 2:6

⁶ For the LORD gives wisdom;
from His mouth *come* knowledge and
understanding.

Proverbs 1:7

⁷ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

“How does the believer gain wisdom? The writer of Proverbs tells us to walk with the wise in order to become wise (Prov. 13:20). James says God gives wisdom if you ask for it (James 1:5; cf. Prov. 2:6). Further, Paul states that in Jesus all the treasures of wisdom are found (Col. 2:3). Jesus says fools build their lives on sand, but the wise build on the rock of His Word (Matt. 7:24-27).” – Exposition Commentary

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- Get wisdom!
- (Learn discernment).

“The divinely given ability to distinguish God’s thoughts and ways from all others.” – J. Adams

“The sound judgment which makes possible the distinguishing of good from evil, and the recognition of God’s right ways for His people.”

– Bible Dictionary

Matthew 6:19-20

¹⁹ “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal;

I Corinthians 15:58

⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not *in* vain in the Lord.

“That Easter morning, when Christ arose from the dead, was the dawning of a new day for the world. Christians are not sleeping in sin and death. We have been raised from the dead through faith in Him. The darkness of the graveyard is past, and we are now walking in the light of salvation. Salvation is the beginning of a new day, and we ought to live as those who belong to the light, not to the darkness.” – W.W. Wiersbe