

Rooted for Holiness

Rooted - Part 6
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God chose us to be holy. Now we must live like it.

The Family Resemblance

Ephesians 5:1 (NIV 1984) *Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children.*

- Chosen before creation to be holy and blameless (Eph. 1:4)
 - Rising to become a holy temple in the Lord (Eph. 2:21)
 - Three marks of the holy life: Love, Light, Wisdom
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Part 1 — Live a Life of Love (vv. 1-2)

Who are we imitating?

- The powerful, beautiful, “Wise”, and the rich
- Our model: Christ — the goal is love

Ordo Amoris — Ordered Love

What do they need? What good can I do right now?

- Church family
- Children
- Husband — self-audit:
 - Cherish — Do my actions match my vow?
 - Provision — Budget built & communicated?
 - Leadership — Can my wife name our family priorities?
 - Spiritual — Praying with her? Sins in the home?
- Wife
- Neighbor

Not Even a Hint (vv. 3–4)

Ephesians 5:3 (NIV 1984) *But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people.*

- Sexual immorality
- Impurity
- Greed — the greedy man is an idolater (v. 5)

Ephesians 5:4 (NIV 1984) *Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving.*

- Obscenity
- Foolish talk
- Coarse joking

A Sober Warning (vv. 5–7)

- No immoral, impure, or greedy person inherits the kingdom
- Don't be deceived by empty words

Part 2 — Walk in the Light (vv. 8–14)

Ephesians 5:8 (NIV 1984) *For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light.*

We Were...	We Are...
Darkness	Light in the Lord
Fruitless deeds	Fruit of the Light
Pleasing ourselves	Finding out what pleases the Lord
Hidden, secretive	Exposed, walking openly
Dead, asleep	Awake in Christ

Ephesians 5:9 (NIV 1984) *the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth*

- Goodness
- Righteousness
- Truth

Call It What God Calls It (v. 11)

Ephesians 5:11 (NIV 1984) *Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.*

- Laziness
- Cowardice
- Envy
- Greed
- Lust

Ephesians 5:14 (NIV 1984) *Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.*

Part 3 — Walk in Wisdom (vv. 15–17)

Ephesians 5:15-16 (NIV 1984) *Be very careful, then, how you live — not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.*

- Foolishness = knowing the right things and living like you don't
- The days are evil — wasted time is wasted opportunity

Ephesians 5:10 (NIV 1984) *...find out what pleases the Lord.*

- Keep finding out — never stop asking
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Application: 5 Implications

1. Identify the Hint
 2. Rename It What God Calls It
 3. Buy Back One Hour
 4. Ask Someone What Pleases God Here
 5. Give Something Away This Week
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My Next Step today is to...

- Identify the hint — bring one hidden thing into the light.
- Rename one sin what God calls it.
- Buy back one hour from something worthless.
- Ask someone wiser what faithfulness looks like here.
- Give something away — one person, one sacrifice.