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Ephesians 5:1-7

“Live to Please God: Walk in Love”

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I. Imitate God by living a life characterized by love. (vv. 1-2)

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18 And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

- **2 Corinthians 3:18 ESV**

6 whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked. - **1 John 2:6 ESV**

26 He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" 27 And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." 28 And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live." - **Luke 10:26-28 ESV**

II. Love God and others by submitting and sacrificing. (vv. 3-7)

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9 Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. 10 Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. - **Matthew 6:9-10 ESV**

19 Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, 21 envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. - **Galatians 5:19-21 ESV**

III. Offer thanksgiving to God. (v. 4)

4 ... but instead let there be thanksgiving. - **Ephesians 5:4 ESV**

23 The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me; to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God!" - **Psalms 50:23 ESV**