

Does Your Life Please God?
Ephesians 5:3-14
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✧ **Do your actions and attitudes please a Holy God?**

Ephesians 5:8-10

Key: 5:10

- ❖ We must test, examine our life to see if we are acceptable to God
- ❖ Here is another way of looking at this verse

✧ **Am I a Christian based on my actions?**

Colossians 1:10 (NKJV)

that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

✚ Paul gives us a quiz in **5:3-4**

■ **Do you have sexual relations before or outside of marriage? (5:3a)**

- ❖ Your translation may have sexual immorality or fornication
- ❖ The word is **porneia**, immoral sexual intercourse

■ **Do you have lustful or impure thoughts? (5:3b)**

- ❖ This is unclean thoughts, desires or passions

Philippians 4:8 (NKJV)

“Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.”

■ **Are you greedy about immoral actions and thoughts? (5:3c)**

- Do you not get enough of immortality?

covetousness - greed, wanting more

- ❖ Look at the boundaries Paul gives us (5:3d)

- Do not mention (forceful word) immoral sexual activity!

- ❖ Paul goes on to say that this talk is not fit for the Saints (5:3e)

■ **Is your conversation improper? (5:4)**

- Can you turn any topic to immoral sexual conversation?

⊛ Sex should be discussed under proper circumstances

- ❖ Paul is speaking of (5:4)

- ✚ Shameful conversation that a believer should be ashamed of

- ✚ Twisting a statement to immoral thoughts

- ✚ Telling dirty jokes

- ❖ These are out of character for a Christian, not fitting

⊛ We are bombarded with sexual innuendoes in every area of life

⊛ We can be caught off guard and start laughing before we know it

- ❖ I believe this is more of a man problem, but women are not immune

■ **Did you fail the quiz? (5:5)**

- ❖ This lifestyle is evidence that you will not inherit heaven

⊛ These actions do not send you to hell, but they are tests to see if you have trusted Christ as your savior

⊛ Continual immoral behavior without conviction or confession is evidence of a life without Christ and idolatry

■ **Do not be fooled with people's opinions about salvation (5:6)**

empty words - void of truth

- ❖ Paul is saying that God will show His wrath with an eternal Hell.
- ❖ People will say, "How can a loving God do that?"
- ❖ **God is also a just God that punishes the sin of not trusting Christ**
- ❖ Do not agree with their empty words devoid of truth **(5:7)**

✚ **Here is another quiz**

■ **Do you walk in the light? (5:8-14)**

- ❖ Our life before Christ was in darkness, but now we are in the light **(5:8)**
- ❖ We are to walk as followers of Christ

● **Does your life consist of goodness, righteousness and truth? (5:9)**

- ✚ Do you do what is good?
- ✚ Do you enjoy doing what is right in God's eyes?
- ✚ Do you live a life of integrity?
- ✚ Have you been able to verify if your life is in Christ?

❖ **Let's look more**

- **Do you enjoy being with people that are not in Christ? (5:11-12)**
- **Do you compromise, tolerate or expose, show them their sin (11)**
- **Are you bothered by what they do in secret? (12)**

- ❖ The light of Christ exposes what is dark **(5:13)**
- ❖ We are to wake up **(5:14)**

✚ The conclusion of the Feast of Tabernacles was the Illumination of the Temple

✚ Four massive candelabras were topped with large torches that were lit

✚ The bowls that fueled the torches held **17 gallons of oil**

✚ It is said that not only the temple, but all of Jerusalem was illuminated

- ✚ This ceremony celebrated God's presence in the wilderness as a pillar of fire
- ✚ The next morning, in the same room, Jesus shouted, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." (John 8:12)
- ✚ Paul tells us in verse 8 that we were once darkness, but now we are the light of the world

✪ **Do you see yourself as light in the world?**

Philippians 2:15 (NKJV)

that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,

Close

- ✚ You can know that you have eternal life

1 John 5:12-13 (NKJV)

12 "He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. 13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God."