

Eph. 5:7-14

- I. Don't be influenced by evil (7-10)
 - A. Do not be participators with them [i.e. those who do evil, as listed above vv. 5-6] (7)
 - B. The reason: You've changed to light, and should behave as light (8-10)
 - 1. You have changed (8a-b)
 - a. Once you were darkness (8a)
 - b. Now you are light in the Lord (8b)
 - 2. The implications of this fact (8c-10)
 - a. Therefore, you should have a certain manner of life (8c-9)
 - 1) General: The lifestyle of light (8c-d)
 - a) As befitting the character of light (8c)
 - b) Conduct yourself in this way (8d)
 - 2) Specifically: bearing fruit of goodness, righteousness, and peace (9)
 - b. In this way [by experience], you will validate what is pleasing to God (10)
- II. Instead, influence evil for good (11-14)
 - A. Don't be participators with them (11a)
 - B. But rather, expel the darkness with light (11b-14)
 - 1. Rebuke them by revealing the truth (11b-14a)
 - a. Expose the works of darkness (11b)
 - b. Reason: Exposing them to light enlightens them (12-14a)
 - 1) Concession: even though it is shameful to speak of these things (12)
 - 2) Exposing them with light is effectual (13-14a)
 - a) The things exposed by the light become known as they really are (13)
 - b) Everything revealed as is truly is becomes light (14a)
 - 2. This is illustrated in a quote written about this phenomenon (14b-e)
 - a. Disclosure formula: "It is said" (14b)
 - b. Contents of the quote: (14c-e)
 - 1) What happens in conversion: (14c-d)
 - a) Wake up O sleeper (14c)
 - b) Rise from the dead (14d)
 - 2) Result: Christ will shine on you. (14e)