

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 05 Sep Eph 1:1-14 God’s Plan is Eternal
- 2) 12 Sep Eph 1:15-23 God’s Plan Involves Power
- 3) 19 Sept Eph 2:1-10 God’s Power Changes People
- 4) 26 Sep Eph 2:11-22 ... God’s Power Changes Relationships
- 5) 03 Oct Eph 3:1-13 God’s Power Comes by Grace
- 6) 10 Oct Eph 3:14-21 God’s Power Provides Strength
- 7) 17 Oct Eph 4:1-16 Being in Step
- 8) 24 Oct Eph 4:17-32 Being Different
- 9) **31 Oct Eph 5:1-14 Being Pure**
- 10) 07 Nov Eph 5:15-21 Being Careful
- 11) 14 Nov Eph 5:22-33 Being Married
- 12) 21 Nov Eph 6:1-9 Being Respectful
- 13) 28 Nov Eph 6:10-24 Being Prepared

INTRODUCTION

- Sometimes we are told or we tell others some lofty words of wisdom such as “Trust in Jesus and everything will be OK”
 - ♦ Those are nice pious words at 10,000 feet, but we often need more concrete direction down at street level?
 - What should we think and not think?
 - What should we say and not say?
 - Where should we go and not go?
 - What should we do and not do?
 - When should we do it and when should we not do it?
- This section provides more of those street level guidance we so often need

Passage	Comments
	control (Gal 6:9-10), and righteousness & truth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • And our fruit has a way of confirming God’s truth – because who else but God can change the spots on a leopard – in other words, convert a sinner into a saint
5:11-12	Expose sins but don’t talk about themHOW? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A good example would be Child Molesters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ If we come across them in life, we should confront, contend with, convict and even incarcerate them – but not dwell on their evil doings in a pleasurable or hypocritical way • We are commanded not to even fellowship with such evil doers of ‘unfruitful works of darkness’ - But do we?
5:13-14	Let the Light Shine and Do its JobHOW? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are to be SALT in this worldMat 5:13 • Our light of Christ (or saltiness) is evident in our Fruit of the Holy Spirit • We should look attractive to the World (tasty looking fruit) and also make them thirsty for God (our saltiness)

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Eph 5:1-2	Imitate God <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How? By being like little children who hang onto their Mom or Dad and watch their every move – they pick up habits, mannerisms & tastes • Walk in Love – How? Just like Christ who gave His all for us <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Be self-sacrificing for the right reasons. Don’t be a self-inflicted martyr What’s the diff?
5:3-5	Avoid All Forms of Immorality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid sins of the body (e.g., adultery, stealing) • Avoid sins of the thought life (e.g., greed) • Avoid sins of the tongue (i.e., dirty jokes, course jesting or making fun of people) • Instead, be encouraging, thankful, kind • Think before you act (what would Jesus do?) • Remember who wins – It is the ones who maintain purity in body, thought and talk Mat 5:8 – the Pure in Heart shall see God
5:6-8	Be not Deceived <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Again, think through the issues before acting • Watch out for deceptive talk such as “if it feels good, do it” • The “children of disobedience” inherit Hell through their willingness to go their own way • We are commanded not to chase after their ways – though we use to be just like them • Remember – the dog returns to its vomit ... Pr 26:11 • If we are ‘children of the light’ or kids of the king – then act accordingly (we have to work at this even though it is by grace we are saved)
5:9-10	Bear Godly Fruit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The fruit people should see in us is after the Holy Spirit – love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, self-

CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS:

- In golf there is a saying to “let the club do the work.” In other words you can be a better golfer if you would let the club do the work it was designed to do and you would stop doing the club’s job
- Same with Christ being the Light of the World – we need to exhibit His light honestly, truthfully and righteously through the fruit we develop as we obey Him – then Christ is able to penetrate the hearts of the lost

SUPPORTING PASSAGES:

Mt 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God
 Mt 5:13 You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled

NEXT WEEK: Ephesians 5:15-21. We can be a SuperChristian → Walk wisely, do the most with the little time that has been given to us, know what God’s will is, be filled with the Holy Spirit, sing your hearts out, be always thankful and be subjective to everyone!

