# **Being Imitators of God**

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- Walking in Love (Eph. 5:1-5):
  - The high call of the Christian life. V.1
  - Imitation of God is summed up in love.
     V.2; Phil. 2:3-8
  - Walking in love means abstaining from unloving practices. Eph. 5:3-4
  - Why? V.5

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- Learning the Will of God (Eph. 5:6-14):
  - Let no one deceive you.
     v.6 (cf. vv.3-4); 2 Tim. 4:3
  - What is the alternative? Eph. 5:10; Heb. 5:11 NIV
  - Learning the will of God. Eph. 5:8-9; 7, 11; 1 Thess. 4:3
  - A reminder of what our sins really are. Eph. 5:12-14

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- Examining Our Current Walk (Eph. 5:15-21):
  Our need for self-examination. Eph. 5:15 (cf. 1 Jn. 1:6-7); 2 Cor. 13:5
  - Make the most of the time. Eph. 5:16
  - Our need to understand the will of God by being filled with His Spirit. Eph. 5:17-21

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