

# Teaching Outline

Series: God's Holy People  
New People

## Eph 5:1-14 (NLT)

Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children.

**Paul is talking about *Family Values!***

<sup>2</sup> Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.

\_\_\_\_\_ can push us past our selfishness to be a blessing.

<sup>3</sup> Let there be no sexual immorality, impurity, or greed among you. Such sins have no place among God's people.

**We don't \_\_\_\_\_ God or \_\_\_\_\_ others!**

<sup>4</sup> Obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes—these are not for you. Instead, let there be thankfulness to God.

**We use words to be a blessing and encouragement to others.**

<sup>5</sup> You can be sure that no immoral, impure, or greedy person will inherit the Kingdom of Christ and of God. For a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world.

\_\_\_\_\_ focuses us away from God.

<sup>6</sup> Don't be fooled by those who try to excuse these sins, for the anger of God will fall on all who disobey him.

**The one person we won't fool, is God!**

<sup>7</sup> Don't participate in the things these people do.

**There is a difference between *participating in evil and associating with folks that do evil!***

<sup>8</sup> For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So, live as people of light!

**Old habits are hard to break.**

<sup>9</sup> For this light within you produces only what is good and right and true.

**We want to \_\_\_\_\_ choose what is good and right and true!**

<sup>10</sup> Carefully determine what pleases the Lord.

**It means *we really think thru how we live our day-to-day lives!***

<sup>11</sup> Take no part in the worthless deeds of evil and darkness; instead, expose them.

**We don't want to be someone that *adds to the shame/pain already weighing people down.***

<sup>12</sup> It is shameful even to talk about the things that ungodly people do in secret. <sup>13</sup> But their evil intentions will be exposed when the light shines on them, <sup>14</sup> for the light makes everything visible. This is why it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, rise up from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

The \_\_\_\_\_ God will \_\_\_\_\_ in you!

**Next Steps:**

- **For reflection this week: How well do I tolerate sacrificing my desires, needs, and wishes, for the benefit of others?**

**Closing Song: The Power of Your Love, by Hillsong**