

# Dealing with Deeds of Darkness

Life in Christ: Wealth, Walk, Warfare (Ephesians) – Part 114  
Ephesians 5:11-14

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<sup>1</sup>Therefore, become imitators of God, as beloved children, <sup>2</sup> and walk in love, just as also Christ loved us and delivered Himself for our sake *as* an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet fragrance.

<sup>3</sup>But immorality and all uncleanness or greed — do not even let them be named among you, just as is fitting for holy *people*; <sup>4</sup>nor obscenity and foolish talk or double-entendres, which are not appropriate, but instead thanksgiving.

<sup>5</sup>For you know this full well, that every immoral, or unclean, or greedy person (that is, an idolater), does not have an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. <sup>6</sup>Let no one deceive you with empty words; for on account of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience.

<sup>7</sup>Therefore, do not become their accomplices; <sup>8</sup>for you once were darkness, but now *you are* light in the Lord; walk as children of light — <sup>9</sup>for the light *bears* fruit in all goodness and righteousness and truth — <sup>10</sup>determining what is well-pleasing to the Lord.

<sup>11</sup>And do not be fellow-participants in the fruitless works of darkness, but instead actually expose<sup>1</sup> *them*. <sup>12</sup>For the things produced<sup>2</sup> in secret by them are shameful even to say, <sup>13</sup>but all things, when exposed<sup>3</sup> by the light, are made apparent; <sup>14</sup>for everything that is made apparent is light. Therefore it says,

“Get up, O sleeper, and rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine upon you!”<sup>4</sup>

(Ephesians 5:1-14 DJP)

## Introduction:

### I. Light's Repudiation (v. 11a)

#### A. The Danger Re\_\_\_\_\_ed

1. They are *works*, but they are *fruitless*

Galatians 5:19-23

2. They are works *of darkness*
  - a. Meaning:
  - b. Context:
  - c. Impact:

#### B. The Danger Re\_\_\_\_\_

1. Command: *do not be fellow-participants in the fruitless works of darkness*
  - a. The verb:
  - b. The nuance:
2. Cases
  - a. Biblical examples:
    - i. 2 Chronicles 18

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<sup>1</sup> Or *reprove*.

<sup>2</sup> Or *done*; or *brought about*, *brought to be*.

<sup>3</sup> Or *reproved*.

<sup>4</sup> May be a song used in worship, combining Isaiah 26:19; 51:17; 60:1.

ii. Proverbs

b. Modern examples:

**II. Light's Re\_\_\_\_\_ation (vv. 11b-14a)**

**A. \_\_\_\_\_ I Must Do: *Expose them* (v. 11b)**

**B. \_\_\_\_\_ I Must Do It: *They Are Shameful* (v. 12)**

**C. What Is My \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 13-14a)**

1. Make them *apparent* (v. 13)

2. Make them *light* (v. 14a)

Psalm 139:11–12

John 1:5

1 Corinthians 14:24–25

**III. Light's Re\_\_\_\_\_tion (v. 14b)**

**A. ...by Re\_\_\_\_\_tion**

**B. ...and Re\_\_\_\_\_tion**