

Don't Be Deceived"
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Scriptures
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I. Ephesians 5:3-13

A. Exposition

V6a — deceive/empty

"to belittle the true character of sin"

V6b — "sons of disobedience"

"...a Hebrew inspired phrase which describes people who habitually live in disobedient sin without repentance and thusly prove themselves to be children of the devil."

1. (Hebrews 11:25)

2. (Ezekiel 18:4)

3. (1 Corinthians 6:18)

V7

V8a — "you were formerly darkness"

V8b — "now you are Light in the world"

V9 — "goodness, righteousness, and truth"

V10 — "trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord"

"trying to discern" (ESV) (Hebrews 5:11-14)

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V11-13 — (Matthew 5:14-16; Hebrews 10:24-25)

B. Application

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Heb 11:25

...enjoy the passing pleasures of sin...

Ezek 18:4

...The soul who sins will die.

1 Cor 6:18

Flee immorality. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body.

Heb 5:11-14

11 Concerning him we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. 12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food. 13 For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. 14 But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.

Matt 5:14-16

14 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; 15 nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.

16 "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

Heb 10:24-25

24 and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, 25 not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.