

A low-angle, close-up shot of a person's legs and feet as they walk on a reddish-brown gravel path. The person is wearing light-colored sneakers with dark accents. The background is a soft-focus outdoor setting with green grass and trees. The text "The WORD Series" is overlaid in the center in a large, white, sans-serif font. Below it, "Part 11 – Walking..." is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.

The WORD Series

Part 11 – Walking...

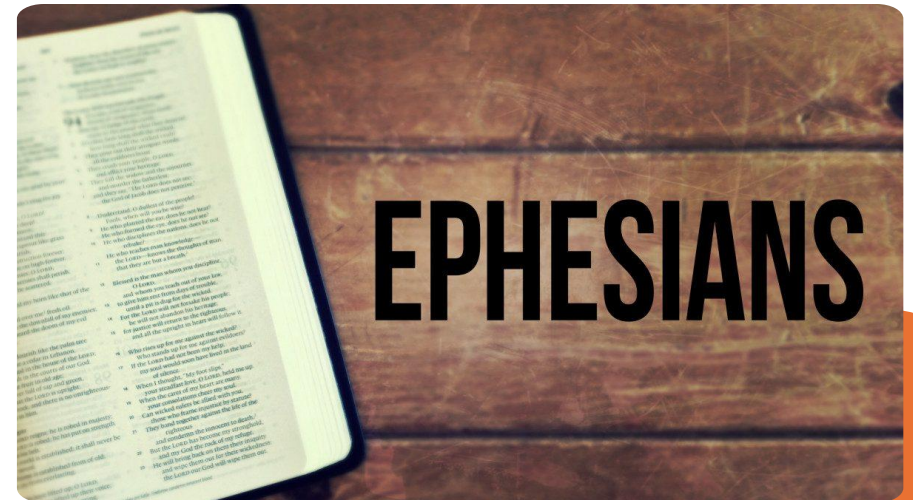
Introduction...

- The Christian life is like a WALK.
- The last two chapters of this magnificent epistle will help to illustrate this with depth.
- As we unpack these passages of Scripture, you are advised to take time to reflect and meditate.
- Allow these life-giving words to tweak your soul and transform you from the inside.



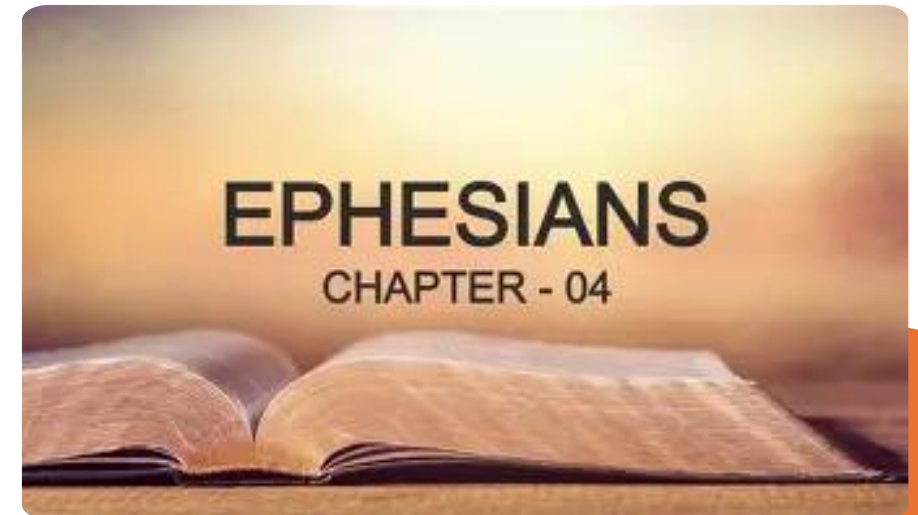
Therefore...

- *Therefore, be imitators of God as dear children. ²And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma. Eph 5:1 NKJV*
- *Therefore, become imitators of God [copy Him and follow His example], as well-beloved children [imitate their father];*
- *² and walk continually in love [that is, value one another—practice empathy and compassion, unselfishly seeking the best for others],*
- *just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and sacrifice to God [slain for you, so that it became] a sweet fragrance Eph 5:1-2 AMP*



Go back..

- Therefore..... In the Bible, when you encounter a “ **therefore**, YOU NEED TO PAUSE THERE, FOR YOU TO KNOW WHAT ITS THERE FOR
- Let’s go back to chapter 4 to understand why the chapter starts with that
- *Ephesians 4:30-32 (NKJV) 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.*
- *31 Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamour, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.*
- *32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.*
- You are SEALED! Everyone who has believed in Christ from the heart has been ‘branded’ by the Spirit of God
- We are encouraged NOT to grieve HIM with whom we have been locked together



Holy Spirit..

- **Grieve**

- to make sorrowful
- to affect with sadness,
- cause grief,
- to throw into sorrow
- to grieve, offend
- to make one uneasy,
- cause him a scruple

- **Sealed**

- to set a seal upon, mark with a seal, to seal
- for security: from Satan
- since things sealed up are concealed (as the contents of a letter), to hide, keep in silence, keep secret
- in order to mark a person or a thing
- in order to prove, confirm, or attest a thing to confirm authenticate, place beyond doubt of a written document

LET.....

- ***31 Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamour, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice Eph 4:31***
- I call this 'decontamination' - it's like all the bile and poison of sin is being drained from your soul.
- Some Christians beg the HS to leave some of this darkness in our hearts so that we can fight back and hurt others who hurt us.
- The way of Christ is forgiveness- write off their debt
- Some Christians cannot allow others to 'get away with murder' "not on my watch" they say.
- Nobody gets away with injustice, if not in this life, then the next,



BE...

- ***32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.***
- *BE is a big word*
- *Manifest as you are*
- *Let your true nature through*
- *Allow Christ to come forth*
- *Rest in who you are*
- *Come upon the stage*
- *BECOME...appear, happen, made*



Bible Reading...

- *Therefore, become imitators of God [copy Him and follow His example], as well-beloved children [imitate their father];*
- *² and walk continually in love [that is, value one another—practice empathy and compassion, unselfishly seeking the best for others],*
- *just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and sacrifice to God [slain for you, so that it became] a sweet fragrance.*
- *But sexual immorality and all [moral] impurity [indecent, offensive behavior] or greed must not even be hinted at among you, as is proper among saints*
- *[for as believers our way of life, whether in public or in private, reflects the validity of our faith].*
- *⁴ Let there be no filthiness and silly talk, or coarse [obscene or vulgar] joking, because such things are not appropriate [for believers]; but instead speak of your thankfulness [to God].*
- *⁵ For be sure of this: no immoral, impure, or greedy person—for that one is [in effect] an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God [for such a person places a higher value on something other than God].*
- Ephesians 5:1-4 (Amplified Bible)

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Mimic...

- - Be imitators. - mimic act like God. God is LOVE. Love like God. If you don't have Love, then you may not know God.
- God is Light. Therefore, you are to lighten up someone's soul and life as you encounter them.
- YOU are the Light of the World!
- THEREFORE, BE FOLLOWERS OF GOD Ephesians 5:1
- Be followers of God. Follow His example as children copy their father.



Walk in Love...

- Walk in Love. Interesting that it doesn't say power, strength, glory or anything else but LOVE!!
- I put it to you that the number one character of God is Love. You are closest to the number and person of God when you act in Love to friends and foes alike!!
- Just like Christ gave Himself up for us, we are called to this same high calling!!
- As you give yourself to love sacrificially, it pleases God tremendously.
- A good aroma, like freshly baked bread, stimulates your senses positively. This is the effect on God!!



Porneia...

- Vs 3 - Fornication is a broad word. In Greek, it's PORNEIA - sex with the forbidden. Crossing a red line to satisfy your desire
- sex with animals
- Sex with same sex
- Sex with someone in covenant with another
- Sex with family member
- Ephesians 5:4 (KJV) Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.
- Difference between Uncleaness and Filthiness?



Vibes...

- A regenerated spirit behaves differently
- The tongue is tamed by the strength of the spirit
- Banter many a time is cousin to swearing
- RATHER - rather than direct your dark vibes horizontally, direct thanksgiving upwards
- So there is JESTING, WHICH IS CONVENIENT.
- Humour is a good weapon in human interaction and diplomacy.
- In relationships and marriage. Laughter does good like medicine



VIBES

The word "VIBES" is rendered in a bold, 3D, blocky font. Each letter is a different color: 'V' is red, 'I' is blue, 'B' is orange, 'E' is teal, and 'S' is purple. The letters have a slight shadow and are set against a background of faint, repeating "Vecteezy" watermarks.

No Inheritance...

- ***Ephesians 5:5 (KJV) For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.***
- It means if you don't bear certain fruits, YOU ARE NOT in the Kingdom!!
- ALL uncleanness- moral decay, - Akatharsia
- uncleanness
 - physical
 - in a moral sense: the impurity of lustful, luxurious, profligate living, of impure motives
- OR Covetousness- a greedy desire for more.
- Let it not be named amongst you!!
- The. Values of Christianity demand a different culture from worldly behaviour



Deception...

- ***Ephesians 5:6 (KJV) Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.***
- Let no man deceive you.... With vain words
- The DECEPTION that you can willingly do wrong without consequences has been around for a long time
- Anyone who practices unrighteousness will face the WRATH of God



A tropical beach scene with palm trees and a reflection in the water. The image is split horizontally, with the top half showing the real scene and the bottom half showing its reflection in the water. The water is a deep blue-green color, and the reflection is a slightly darker, more saturated version of the scene above. The palm trees are tall and slender, with their fronds reaching towards the sky. The sky is a pale, hazy blue. The overall mood is serene and peaceful.

Reflection....