



PART 3&4: *One* WITH THE WORLD AND CHURCH

WEEK 15: IMITATORS OF GOD

WARM UP: Who or what did you use to imitate as a child?

WARM UP: Has anyone ever imitated you in some way?

1. Read Ephesians 5:1-2. Of all the qualities, attributes and actions of God, why do you think Paul chose "love" as the most important way in which Christians should follow His example?
2. Before we get into the details, take a moment for a heart check. To what extent are you "walking in the way of love"?
3. Now conduct a self-assessment of your life right now:

Falsehood-----	Truth	(4:25)
Sin/Anger-----	Forgiveness	(4:26-7)
Stealing-----	Work/sharing	(4:28)
Unwholesome talk-----	Encouraging talk	(4:29)
Bitterness/rage/malice-----	Kindness/compassion	(4:31-2)
Sexual immorality-----	Holiness	(5:3)
Impurity/greed-----	Righteousness/truth	(5:3,9)
Obscenity/coarse talk-----	Thanksgiving	(5:4)
Drunkenness-----	Filled with the Spirit	(5:18)
Debauchery-----	Singing to the Lord	(5:19)

4. Read Ephesians 5:5-7,11-14. How should you relate to a Christian who is currently engaging in "deeds of darkness"?

5. Read Ephesians 5:8-10. Share your experiences of living as children of light. What have you found out pleases the Lord?

PRAY: Ask for God's help to imitate Him in the way of love.