

Living pure in an impure world

Ephesians 5:3-14, page 949

- I. RESIST THE PERVERSIONS OF SEX AND MONEY COMMON IN THE WORLD (Ephesians 5:3-7).
 - A. Resist every temptation to immorality, lust and greed because you are God's child called to holiness (5:3).
 - B. Resist every temptation to: joke about sexual immorality and commit to being grateful, not greedy (5:4).
 - C. Immorality and greed characterize those facing God's eternal judgment, so don't do what they do (5:5-7).
- II. LIVE HOLY TO PLEASE CHRIST AND HELP OTHERS CAUGHT IN DARKNESS (Ephesians 5:8-14).
 - A. We are children of light as believers (5:8-10).
 1. You have spiritual light – Remember who you are (8).
 2. Live in the light – Do good, do right, be honest (9).
 3. Pursue purity to please Christ (10).
 - B. We must live pure and avoid the deeds of darkness (5:11-14).
 1. We must avoid sin and expose sin (11).
 2. Don't even talk about the shameful things some do (12).
 3. Living holy is the light that helps others wake up (13-14).