TO GO DEEP FOLLOW GOD'S RULES GOING DEEP - BOOK OF EPHESIANS - PART #5

Pastor Kevin Cummings – August 9, 2020

Ephesians	5 5:1-21
• God doe	sn't make rules.
I. Live a	. (v. 1-7)
A. Be	(v. 1-2; Hebrews 12:1-3)
B. Be	. (v. 3-4; Colossians 3:5; I Thessalonians 5:22)
	1. As it relates to sex.
	2. As it relates to conflict.
	(Proverbs 6:16-19; Matthew 18:15-17)
	3. As it relates to money.
	4. As it relates to what we say.
C. Be	(v. 5-7; II Corinthians 6:17)
• \	Your walk reveals your King.
II. Live as _	. (v. 8-14)
A. By	the light. (v. 8)
	am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never ess, but will have the light of life." John 8:12
B. By	the light. (v. 9-12; Philippians 2:14-16)
	ade you a light that you may bring salvation to the ends of "Acts 13:47
C. By	the light. (v. 13-14; I John 1:7)

A. By using wisely. (v. 15-16; Psalm 90:12)
 We must say no to many good things so we can say yes to the best things. (Romans 12:2) A better question than "Can I?" or "Is this right or wrong?" is "Is it wise?"
B. By understanding (v. 17)
 God's will involves more than feelings. God's will involves more than formulas. God's will involves fellowship with God. Do not rely on culture. (Exodus 23:2) Do not rely on circumstances. (II Samuel 11-12) Do not rely on ungodly counsel. (Psalm 1:1) Do not rely on counterfeits.
C. By being filled with (v. 18-21)
 The Spirit filled life is a commanded life. The Spirit filled life is a controlled life. The Spirit filled life is a complete life. There will be a gladness about you. There will be a gratefulness about you. There will be a graciousness about you.
ACTION POINTS: 1.) I do get to heaven by keeping the rules; I get to heaven by receiving Jesus Christ as my personal Savior.
2.) God have some rules for His children if we want to go deep.
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. (v. 15-21)

III. Live in

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• God doesn't make stupid rules.

I. Live a <u>life of love</u>. (v. 1-7)

- A. Be <u>like Jesus</u>. (v. 1-2; Hebrews 12:1-3)
- B. Be different. (v. 3-4; Colossians 3:5; I Thessalonians 5:22)
 - 1. As it relates to sex.
 - 2. As it relates to conflict. (Proverbs 6:16-19; Matthew 18:15-17)
 - 3. As it relates to money.
 - 4. As it relates to what we say.
- C. Be separate. (v. 5-7; II Corinthians 6:17)
 - Your walk reveals your King.

II. Live as children of light. (v. 8-14)

A. By <u>receiving</u> the light. (v. 8)

"Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

B. By reflecting the light. (v. 9-12; Philippians 2:14-16)

"I have made you a light that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth." Acts 13:47

C. By turning on the light. (v. 13-14; I John 1:7)

III. Live in wisdom. (v. 15-21)

- A. By using time wisely. (v. 15-16; Psalm 90:12)
 - 1. We must say no to many good things so we can say yes to the best things. (Romans 12:2)
 - 2. A better question than "Can I?" or "Is this right or wrong?" is "Is it wise?"
- B. By understanding God's will. (v. 17)
 - 1. God's will involves more than feelings.
 - 2. God's will involves more than formulas.
 - 3. God's will involves fellowship with God.
 - Do not rely on culture. (Exodus 23:2)
 - Do not rely on circumstances. (II Samuel 11-12)
 - Do not rely on ungodly counsel. (Psalm 1:1)
 - Do not rely on counterfeits. (II Corinthians 11:14; I John 4:1)
 - Do rely on God's Word. (Psalm 119:9-11, 89-91, 98, 105)
- C. By being filled with the Spirit. (v. 18-21)
 - 1. The Spirit filled life is a commanded life.
 - 2. The Spirit filled life is a controlled life.
 - 3. The Spirit filled life is a complete life.
 - There will be a gladness about you.
 - There will be a gratefulness about you.
 - There will be a graciousness about you.

ACTION POINTS: 1.) I do <u>not</u> get to heaven by keeping the rules; I get to heaven by receiving Jesus Christ as my personal Savior.

2.) God <u>does</u> have some rules for His children if we want to go deep.

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