



# **TIP Sheet** (Take It Personal)

Use the below questions to aid you in making personal application of your study in the Word.

## **Be Imitators of God**

Ephesians 5:1-21

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Before interacting with the below questions read through Ephesians 5:1-12.

1. What does it mean to you to be an imitator? Is there someone in your life who's behavior you have imitated? Perhaps you did it subconsciously.
2. Verse one exhorts believers to be imitators of God. As a follower of Christ, how can you imitate God?
3. You could paraphrase verse two "Live a life filled with love". What is the pattern you are to follow?
4. In what ways do you love others "as Christ has loved you"?

5. Verse three begins "But...". What follows is contrasting with what has been said in verse two. How does Paul say the Christian's walk of love contrasts with the counterfeit ideas of love found in the world? (vv. 3-7)

6. Verse eight identifies believers as "children of light" who were at one time children of darkness. It is sad but even Christians walk in varying shades of gray. Chapter four describes what it means to walk in darkness. Read verses 17-32 of chapter four and then take the following survey.

### **In the past 120 days**

- I have told an untruth (4:25)
- I have lost control of my temper (v. 26)
- I have taken something that did not belong to me (v. 28)
- I have used rotten words (v. 29)
- I have made God sad (v.30)

7. Have you been completely honest with yourself and God in answering the survey in question six?
8. What is God impressing upon you to do in response to His Word?