

“Not Even a Hint!”

Ephesians 5:1-18

Theme: The Believer’s Purity and Reputation

Introduction: *“Not even a hint”* Ha! Ha!

Never look at practice without first understanding position.

I. What am I to do?

A. Emulate God 5:1

B. Eliminate Sinful Gratification 5:3-4

1. In our actions

2. In our speech

II. Why am I to do it?

A. Because of our Position 1:4, 11-14; 2:10; 13, 19ff

B. Because of the Imperative *“there must not be even a hint”* 5:3

C. Because of the Clear Warnings

1. *“improper for God’s holy people”* 5:3

2. *“No...inheritance”* 5:5

3. *“God’s wrath”* 5:6

4. *“it is shameful”* 5:12

5. *“the days are evil”* 5:16

III. How am I to do it?

A. Live a Life of Love 5:2

“agape verses porneia”

B. Live as Children of Light 5:8

“light verses darkness”

C. Live – Not as Unwise but Wise 5:15

“wisdom verses foolishness”

Life Applications:

1. We are all prone to sin: beware lest you fall.
2. God never tempts us to sin: find the way out.
3. Avoid playing God: commit to forgive and grace.
4. Emotional adultery happens before physical sin occurs.
5. Recognize the point of decision and who you will choose to worship.
6. Have a plan.