

BEING AN EXCELLENT IMITATION.

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

- We imitate God when we put off false thinking.
- We imitate God when we put on His truth.
- We imitate God when we put on His forgiveness. (Be unoffendable.)
- We imitate God when we put on His generosity.
- We imitate God when we put on His words of encouragement.
- We imitate God when we are responsive to His Holy Spirit.

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Read Ephesians 5:1–2. How does imitating God make us a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God?
2. Nathanael said last week, “how we think directly reflects how we walk”. Read 5:17–24 and discuss how our minds influenced us before Christ, and how they should influence us now that we are in Christ.
3. As believers, why should speaking the truth to each other be valuable?
4. Randy said that putting on God’s forgiveness requires us to be unoffendable. Is this possible? How does this relate to verses 26 – 27 and 31 – 32?
5. Read vs 28. How does working hard in order to have something to share imitate God?
6. Verse 30 tells us not to grieve the Holy Spirit of God. How do we grieve Him? What do we need to change in our minds and actions to avoid this sinful action?
7. Talk about your need for encouragement. What will you do this week to imitate Christ by being an encouragement?

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