

# COOKIE JAR CHRISTIANITY

## EPHESIANS 5:3-14

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- Don't walk in darkness by compromising.

5:3-7

- Don't compromise in your sexual life.
- Don't compromise with materialism.
- Don't compromise in your speech.
- Don't compromise by listening to deceitful words.
- Don't compromise by partnering with the disobedient.

- Walk in the light by remembering that Jesus has made you light.

5:8-14

- Let your light shine by living with integrity.
- Let your light shine by discerning what pleases Jesus.
- Let your light shine by exposing the darkness.
- Let your light shine by waking up to Christ's transforming light.

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# FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. In what way is Jesus the light of the world, and in what way are we the light of the world? (See John 3:19-21, John 8:12, John 9:5, John 12:35-36, 12:46, Matt 5:14-16, Phil 2:14-15).
2. Read Ephesians 5:3-7. Which of the areas of temptation listed here stood out to you? Why? How does our culture, in particular, tempt us towards these ways of acting and behaving?
3. What does it look like when Christians allow compromise to creep into their lives? How does this happen? In what ways do we allow compromise to creep into our own lives? Do you have any practices in your own life to keep you far from temptation and compromise?
4. How do you see our identity emphasized in this passage? Why is this important?
5. In Ephesians 5:10, what does it mean to “try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.” Are there any situations you’re facing or have faced this week where you had to work through that question? (see Rom 12:2, 2 Cor 5:9, Col 1:9-10)
6. How can we obey Ephesians 5:11. Is it judgmental to call people out on their sin? What does it look like to do this rightly? (see 1 Tim 4:1-2; Eph 4:15; Titus 1:9, 12-13; 1 Tim 5:19-20; 1 Cor 13:6; 2 Tim 3:16-17; Matt 18:15-17).
7. How does the light of Jesus transform us in verses 13-14? What does this look like in our lives?

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