



**The Way of Love**  
18<sup>th</sup> in the “Ephesians” Series  
Ephesians 5:1-7  
June 21, 2026  
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**Introduction**

In this passage, we are exhorted to walk in the way of love, like Jesus, and not in the way of the world.

- 1) Put on “the way of love” – a life of giving and sacrifice (vv. 1-2).
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2) Put off the way of “fleshly” pursuits – a life of lust and greed (v. 3-4).
  - *“Not even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity” (v. 3)*
  
  
  
  - *Nor [a hint] “of greed” (v. 3)*
  
  
  
  - *Nor “obscenity, foolish talk, or coarse joking” (v. 4)*
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 3) Paul’s final word: warning, confirmation, and exhortation (vv. 5-7).

**Response**

Lord, imprint upon us your example, so that we may walk in the way of love in every area of our lives.

## Sunday Text Questions

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Read the text aloud and discuss any significant observations or issues that need clarification together.

- 1) What do you imagine Jesus was like as a person living in our fallen world? How do you think he dealt with sinful people or in situations involving inappropriate speech or coarse joking?
  
- 2) How do we “follow God’s example,” as v. 1 commands, and how is Jesus the ultimate expression of the example God wants us to emulate (v. 2)?
  
- 3) What does it mean to “walk in the way of love” (v. 2)? How might this statement serve as a helpful reminder and encouragement in lots of different situations Christians will face?
  
- 4) How do you, even as a Christian, struggle with the vices listed in vv. 3-4? Try to be honest and vulnerable with your small group. What strategies have you put into place to battle and manage them?
  
- 5) Why might God be so concerned with “foolish talk or coarse joking (v. 5), and how should that force us to consider the use of our words and conversation topics?
  
- 6) Paul commands Christians not to be “partners” with the immoral, impure, or greedy (v. 7). How do we have connections and even relationships with non-Christians and yet not be partners with them in their lives of impurity and greed?
  
- 7) Spend some time praying together. Ask the Lord to convict you of areas of vice, and to empower you to walk in the way of love.

**Further study this week:** Passages related to the message of this week’s text: 1 Peter 2:21 (Mon); John 13:15 (Tue); Romans 12:1-2 (Wed); Galatians 5:24 (Thurs); 2 Corinthians 5:17 (Fri).