

5. Do you think 2 Corinthians 6:14-18 speaks to the question as to whether or not a Christian should date an unbeliever? Why, or why not?

6. As a parent, how diligent are you about keeping track of who your children are relating with?

Do you require them to forsake relationships that are unhealthy for their spiritual growth and development? Why, or why not?

7. What are some of the signs of spiritual apathy?

How can we avoid “falling asleep” in our Christian walk?

I. A. 1. Help, fallen. 2. Avoid, justifying.
II. A. 1. Word. 2. Holy Spirit. 3. Body.



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. . . we are no longer to be children . . . we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ (Ephesians 4:14-15).

.. . . walk no longer as the Gentiles walk (Ephesians 4:17).

. . . lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit (Ephesians 4:24).

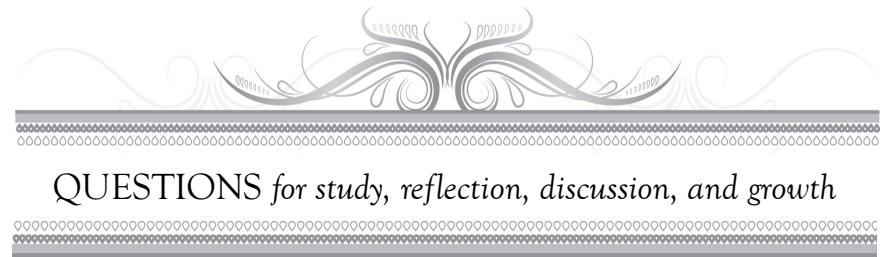
. . . you were formerly darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of Light (Ephesians 5:8).

. . . be careful how you walk, not as unwise, but as wise (Ephesians 5:15).

From all the above excerpts, one thing is absolutely clear: followers of Jesus cannot be content with the status quo! A “sleepwalking saint” is an oxymoron. Spiritual lethargy is a plague that can be infectious. For this reason, we must be careful about our relationships and how we are living. Are you living in darkness, or are you walking in the light? And just how *do* we walk as children of light?

I. We Are Wise In Our Relationships.

A. We must distance ourselves from sinful Christians (Ephesians 5:7).



QUESTIONS *for study, reflection, discussion, and growth*

1. We _____ the Christian who has _____ into sin (Galatians 6:1).
 2. We _____ the Christian who is _____ sin (1 Corinthians 5:9-11). [Family and marriage exceptions.]
- B. We must distinguish ourselves from unbelievers (Ephesians 5:8).
1. By walking in the Light.
Our deepest and most intimate fellowship is with the children of Light (2 Corinthians 6:14).
 2. By considering the fruit of the Light (Ephesians 5:9).
- II. We Are Always Seeking To Please The Lord (Ephesians 5:10).
- A. By discerning His will.
1. Through His _____.
 2. Through the leading of His _____.
 3. Through the fellowship of the _____.
- B. By refusing to participate in the deeds of darkness (Ephesians 5:11).
- C. By exposing the evil through walking in the light.
- III. A Call From Sinful Slumber (Ephesians 5:14).
- A. How are we awakened?
- B. How do we stay awake?

1. Read Ephesians 5:7-14, 1 Corinthians 5:9-11, 2 Corinthians 6:14-18, and 1 John 1:5-10.

2. How long has it been since you have assessed or evaluated your closest relationships?

How do those relationships affect your ability to be faithful to the Lord?

Are there any relationships that are hindering your walk with Jesus?

3. How can a Christian distance himself from unfruitful works of darkness (and those who are involved in these things) without putting on an air of superiority or arrogance?

4. Why do you think it is important to consciously seek to please the Lord?