

WALK THIS WAY

Ephesians 4:25-32

I. Walk in God's commands to bless your neighbor (vv. 25-26, 28-29, 31-32).

- A. Obey the sixth commandment (vv. 26, 31-32).
- B. Obey the eighth commandment (v. 28).
- C. Obey the ninth commandment (vv. 25, 29).

II. Walk in God's commands to preserve your soul (vv. 27, 30).

- A. Obey to keep from demonic influence (v. 27).
- B. Obey to keep under the Spirit's influence (v. 30).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What are the three uses of the law? How does the law function in the Christian life?
2. What is the principle of contrary forces? How does Paul use it in his application of the 6th, 8th, and 9th commandments?
3. How does the gospel (i.e., Christ in His person and work) both motivate and empower us to obey the law?
4. What does spiritual warfare actually look like? Is it rather normal, or dramatic?
5. In light of God's commands here, where do we need to repent or seek growth as a family?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Am I harboring bitterness or resentment in my heart toward a fellow Christian? Is there any wrong committed against me that I am unwilling to forgive?
2. Am I intentional with my words, seeking to build up and give grace to those with whom I speak? How could I grow in this area?
3. Am I conscious of the fact that every temptation is a spiritual battleground? Do I fear giving the devil a foothold or grieving the Spirit of God?