

# NORTH WAY

## *notes outline*

### EPHESIANS

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not become partners with them; for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. *Ephesians 5:1-10*

#### **5 Perspectives from Paul's writing in Ephesians 5:3-10:**

1. "Big" sins then are still "big" sins now.
2. We must not be deceived when it comes to these sins.
3. God is serious about these sins.
4. These sins are expressions of idolatry.
5. We must mind our partnerships, and partnerships build over time.

Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. *Psalms 37:4*

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. *Ephesians 3:14-19*

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