

## Exposing The Darkness

“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 be partakers with them; for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light (for the fruit of the Light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth), trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them; for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done by them in secret” (Ephesians 5:6-12 NASB).

- 1 Pray that God will give His people the kind of biblical discernment that enables them to recognize and see through the deceptive words of the sons of disobedience (Ephesians 5:6).
- 2 Pray that those who profess to be Christians but readily take part in the world's dark ways will repent and fully turn away from their former way of life outside of Christ (Ephesians 5:7-8).
- 3 Pray that your church family will daily turn away from sin and walk with Jesus as children of Light (Ephesians 5:8).
- 4 Pray that Christian parents will consistently walk in goodness, righteousness, and truth so that when their children encounter those walking in darkness, they will know the difference and reject the influence of those enticing them to evil (Ephesians 5:9).
- 5 Pray that the members of your church family will make a commitment to faithfully learn and walk in the things that are pleasing to the Lord (Ephesians 5:10).
- 6 Paul exhorted believers to not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them (Ephesians 5:11). Ask God to give us wisdom in exposing the realities of darkness in order to protect those under our spiritual care.
- 7 With the world literally at our fingertips through technology, pray that the members of your church family will be careful not to fill their minds with words or images that portray and normalize what is disgracefully sinful (Ephesians 5:12).
- 8 Since our struggles in this life are not against flesh and blood, pray that your church family will intentionally unite in praying against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places (Ephesians 6:12).
- 9 Pray that the members of your church family will be careful not to imitate the things that are detestable before God: sacrificing our children for a pagan cause, divination, witchcraft, interpretation of omens, sorcery, casting spells, and talking to evil spirits or the dead (Deuteronomy 18:9-11).
- 10 Many church members in the United States are living no differently than they did before professing to know Christ. Their ways still reflect a love for the darkness of the world system around them. Ask God to send the kind of revival that will produce authentic Christians (1 John 2:15-17).
- 11 Pray that the people of your city will remove any physical or mental idols that are taking the place of God in their lives (Deuteronomy 5:7-9). Pray that those who are promoting false religions in your area will meet Jesus and lead others to follow Him as well.
- 12 Pray that those who write and produce material for the purpose of public entertainment will be convicted that using profanity or taking God's name in vain is wrong (Deuteronomy 5:11).
- 13 Paul shared how Jesus sent him to the Gentiles to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God (Acts 26:18). As we also help people turn from darkness to the light of Jesus, pray that we will do so with the love and power of God.
- 14 With so many people experiencing divorce personally or within their community, pray that the nation and especially the church will come back to seeing marriage as God established it, with one man and one woman united together for life (Genesis 2:24; Malachi 2:16; Matthew 19:7-9).



- 15** When the standards of God's Word are removed from a culture, sins that should be easily recognizable as harmful to others are rationalized and become acceptable. Pray that our nation will once more see activities such as stealing, bearing false witness against a neighbor, and coveting that which belongs to another as sinful (Deuteronomy 5:19-21).
- 16** Jesus burst into the realm of mankind as the Light of the world. Pray that men and women across the country will see their need for Jesus by realizing that loving the darkness leads to judgment and eternal separation from God (John 3:19).
- 17** With adulterous affairs often promoted as normal behavior on television shows and movies, pray that as a nation we will, once again, see this type of behavior as sinful and harmful to the preservation of a spiritually healthy culture (Deuteronomy 5:18).
- 18** Paul told the Thessalonians that they were not of night or darkness, but were all sons of light and sons of day (1 Thessalonians 5:5). Pray that we, too, will walk as sons of light, being sober and alert to the spiritual temptations found in the darkness.
- 19** Pray that Christians across America will not be deceived, thinking that the following sins are not offensive to God: fornication, idolatry, adultery, homosexuality, stealing, coveting, getting drunk, reviling, or swindling (1 Corinthians 6:9-10).
- 20** Satan loves to entrap Christians in circumstances where they are tempted to walk in darkness. In Romans 13:12, Paul encourages Christ's followers to lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Pray that believers in your church family will purpose to walk through each day clothed in the armor of God.
- 21** Pray that Christians in your community will no longer be lovers of self, lovers of money, unloving, or lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God (2 Timothy 3:2-4).
- 22** Knowing that in the last days it will be easy to hold onto a form of godliness while denying the power that comes from God's manifest presence, pray that, once again, Christians will hunger for a deeper love relationship with God (2 Timothy 3:5).
- 23** As men and women turn away from acknowledging and honoring God, pray that they will repent quickly when unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil, envy, strife, deceit, and malice begin to fill their lives (Romans 1:28-29).
- 24** Knowing that more and more children will become disobedient to their parents as the last days approach, pray that the children of your church family will turn against the culture by loving and honoring their parents (2 Timothy 3:2; Ephesians 6:1).
- 25** According to 1 John 2:9-10, the one who hates his brother is in the darkness, while the one who loves his brother abides in the light. Pray that as brothers and sisters in Christ, we will repent of hating other believers and will genuinely love one another through the power of Jesus.
- 26** Since the culture around us often operates on the basis of vain philosophies, pray that we will no longer fill our minds with unwise thoughts and plans. Pray that we will act wisely, using our time and energy to focus on doing the will of God (Ephesians 5:15-17).
- 27** With so many of the youth of our country engaging in the use of alcohol and drugs, pray that parents and churches will faithfully teach them, instead, how to be filled with the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5:18).
- 28** In John 8:12, Jesus said, "He who follows Me will not walk in the darkness." Pray that as followers of Him, Christians in every community will live lives that no longer reflect the characteristics and ways of darkness, but the holy nature of Jesus.
- 29** In order for the true character of Christ to be seen by the world, pray that Christians will be kind to one another, putting away bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, slander, and malicious attitudes (Ephesians 4:31-32).
- 30** If people within your church are professing to be Christians but are living immorally, pray that your congregation will learn how to love those individuals, even if it means not associating or eating with them until they repent (1 Corinthians 5:11).
- 31** At this time of year, the occult is often promoted in yard displays, public venues, and entertainment. Pray that Christians will examine everything carefully, hold fast to that which is good, and abstain from every form of evil (1 Thessalonians 5:21-22).