

GOD'S EXPECTATION OF ME IN EPHESIANS

In the epistle written to the Ephesians, God calls us to act. We are to be holy and without blame, to trust Him, to hear the word of truth, believe and praise Him. We are to have faith in the Lord Jesus, and love for all saints. We are to know the hope of His calling, the riches of the glory of His inheritance and the exceeding greatness of His power.

We are to be saved through faith, to walk in preordained good works. We are to remember our previous condition, be built, and fitted with others. We are called to understand His mystery and make known His manifold wisdom. We are to allow God to strengthen us. We are to be rooted and grounded in love, comprehend with all saints all His vast dimensions. We are to know the love of Christ, be filled with all the fullness of God, and walk worthy of His calling.

We are called to bear with one another, endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit, equip the saints, do the work of ministry and edify the body of Christ. We are to come to the unity of the faith, the knowledge of the Son of God, to be a perfect man and come to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

We are to be children who are not being tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine. We are to speak the truth in love, grow up in all things, and do our share. We are to be careful not to walk as Gentiles. We are to hear Him and be taught by Him.

We are to put off our former conduct, be renewed in the Spirit of our mind, put on the new man, put away lying, speak the truth. We are to be angry and sin not. We are called to ensure that the sun does not go down upon our wrath, or to give place to the devil.

We are to labor in order to give. Corrupt words should not proceed out of our mouth. We are called to speak words that edify and impart grace to the hearer. We are to ensure that we do not grieve the Holy Spirit and that we put away things contrary to God's standard. We are to be kind, tenderhearted, forgiving. We are called to imitate God, walk in love and give thanks.

We are called to ensure we are not deceived. We are to walk in light as children of light and find out what is acceptable to the Lord. We are to have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, rather, we are to expose them. We are called to awaken, arise, walk circumspectly, and not as fools. We are to walk as wise, redeem the time and understand what the will of the Lord is. We are not to be drunk, but instead

filled with the Spirit. We are to sing and make a melody, give thanks, speak to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. We are to submit to one another.

Wives are to submit to their husband in everything. Husbands are to love their wives and leave father/mother and be joined to them to become one flesh. Children are to obey and honor father and mother. Fathers are to ensure that they do not provoke their children to wrath. They are to bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord. Servants are called to obey their masters with fear and trembling, in sincerity, not with eye services, but as to the Lord.

We are called to do the will of God from the heart, be strong, put on the whole armor of God and stand against the wiles of the devil. We are to take up the whole armor of God and withstand in the evil day. We are called to gird our waist with truth, put on the breastplate of righteousness, shod our feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace, take the shield of faith and quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. We are to take the helmet of salvation, the sword of the spirit and pray always.