

Jesus, Our True North

Eph 5: 1-2, 8 & 15-20



A. In Awe of the Master. Eph 5: 1-2

1. Copying the Master. Eph 5: 1



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2. Pattern of Christian Love found in Christ. Eph 5:2



Our walk is to be in love.
'agape': self-sacrificing love.

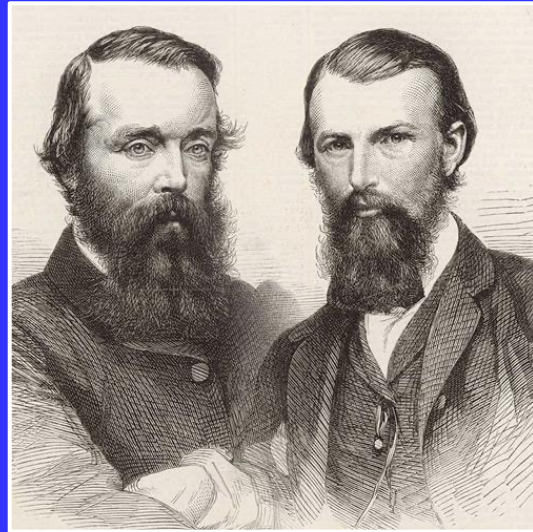
Putting the betterment of others
ahead of self.

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B. Life That Pleases The Master. Eph 5: 15-17

1. Not a Reckless Life



Burke and Wills



“Walk circumspectly”: Carefully considering all circumstances and investigating all possible consequences of our day-by-day actions in life.

2. Profitable Use Of Opportunities. 5:16-17



Conducting a market survey.

**“Redeeming the time”:
to ‘buy-up the present opportunities’.**

“Unwise”: ‘morally stupid by
allowing our opportunities to
be overtaken by darkness’.



John Erskine

C. We Are Empowered by the Master's Spirit: The Holy Spirit. Eph 5: 18-20

1. Spiritual Warfare. 5: 18

**Such actions as drunkenness
'will ruin our lives' e.g. the
prodigal son wasting his life.**



Dionysus

**Believers today are to stand in marked
contrast to the world.**

**Filled with Holy Spirit
'to be full to the top; lacking nothing;
nothing short of complete'.**



2. Responsibility to Others. 5: 19

“Speaking one to another”.
It expresses mutual care for one another and mutual edification.

“Psalms”: referring to the whole of Scripture.

“Hymns”: festive lyrics in praise of a god or hero.

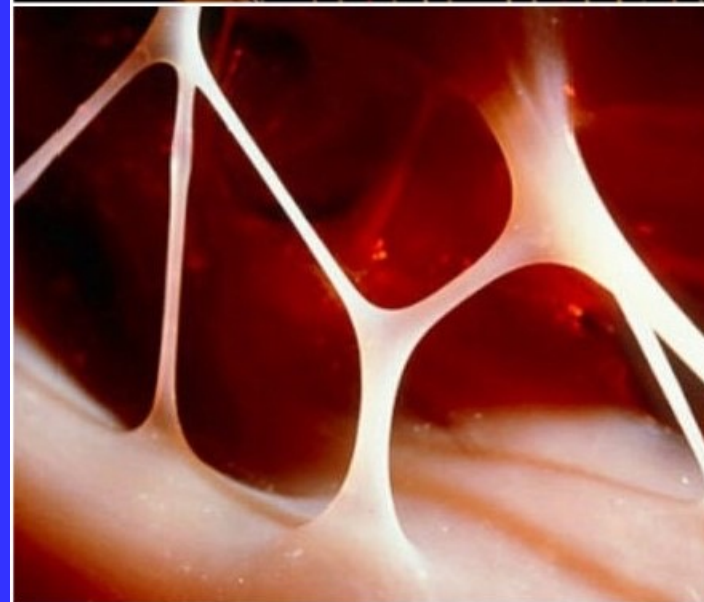
“Spiritual songs”, which implies sacred lyrics dwelling on themes of praise to God or to Christ.



3. Personal Responsibility. 5: 19

“Singing” is the same word for plucking a musical instrument such as a lyre or harp.

“Heartstrings”: we are speaking of one's deepest feelings of emotion, love or compassion.



Conclusion: Jesus, Our True North

