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Who's Leading?

Ephesians 5:1-14

We need to _____
the example of _____

¹ Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children
² and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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the pull of _____

³ But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people.
⁴ Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving.
⁵ For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person-- such a man is an idolater-- has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.
⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient.
⁷ Therefore do not be partners with them.

We need to be _____
to the deception of _____

⁸ For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light
⁹ (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth)
¹⁰ and find out what pleases the Lord.
¹¹ Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.
¹² For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret.
¹³ But everything exposed by the light becomes visible,
¹⁴ for it is light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said: "Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Spend some time each day reading, meditating on, studying, resting in and applying Ephesians 5:1-14. Here are some resources that may help:

Abiding in Christ by Andrew Murray (available at your favorite online bookseller)

<http://parkerhill.wordpress.com> – weekend follow-up questions for you and your small group

Life Lessons with Max Lucado - Ephesians (available at your favorite online bookseller)

www.crosswalk.com

www.studylight.org