

“Oppose and Expose”

Ephesians 5:11-14

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In Ephesians 5:11-14 Christians are called to oppose and expose the unfruitful deeds of darkness. This is the negative aspect of living as light in the world. To that end, Paul gives five priorities to help guide our holy belligerence:

I. Christians need to take a stand against evil.

“do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness” (5:11a)

II. Christians need to speak out against evil.

“but instead even expose them” (5:11b)

III. Christians need to use moral discretion when exposing evil.

“it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done by them in secret” (5:12)

IV. Christians need to use the searchlight of Scripture to expose evil.

“all things become visible when they are exposed by the light” (5:13)

V. Christians need to live with a sense of urgency regarding evil.

*“Awake, sleeper, and rise from the dead”
! (5:14)*