

³ But **sexual immorality** and all **impurity** or **covetousness** must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. ⁴ Let there be no **filthiness** nor **foolish talk** nor **crude joking**, which are out of place, but instead let there be **thanksgiving**. ⁵ For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no **inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God**. Ephesians 5:3-5

Ways to Know and Show That We are King's Kids

1 Timothy 6:14-15 “to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of **our Lord Jesus Christ... the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings** and Lord of lords”

Romans 8:16-17 “The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that **we are children of God**, and **if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ**, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.”

1. How We Deal With Sin Reveals Our Relationship With God.

“as is proper among saints.”

Our Struggle With Sin: NOT **Perfection** BUT **Direction**

2. Our Thanksgiving becomes the Antidote to Corruption.

“but instead let there be thanksgiving.”

God's Response When We Stumble: NOT **Condemnation** BUT **Conviction**

3. We Demonstrate Our Transformed Hearts by Love and Obedience.

“Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching.” John 14:23

Our Motivation to Purity: NOT **Fear** BUT **Love**

4. True Believers in Jesus Christ are Royalty and Have a Glorious Inheritance.

“inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.”

Our New Life: NOT **Temporal** BUT **Eternal**

Reflection and Application

- What evidence(s) do I see in my life that I am truly a new creation in Christ?
- While I know I'm not perfect, is the trajectory of my life trending upward?
- I will find an accountability partner to help me when I struggle with temptation.
- I would like prayer and help from a church leader regarding certain stubborn sins.