

<sup>3</sup> But **sexual immorality** and all **impurity** or **covetousness** must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. <sup>4</sup> Let there be no **filthiness** nor **foolish talk** nor **crude joking**, which are out of place, but instead let there be **thanksgiving**. <sup>5</sup> 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.