Imitate God

Ephesians 5:1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.

Imitation is the greatest form of flattery. As parents, we love when our children grow up and (imitate) follow in our footsteps, especially our good steps.

We ought to imitate God, our spiritual Father
How do we imitate God? Three ways.

By walking in l_____ (v 2) why? Because Christians are . . .
- B_____ children, same term the Father used for Jesus
- Purchased at a great price, sweet to God, acceptable to God
- Taught by e_____ – We love Him because He first loved us
  - Love is giving your life to someone.
  - Love is the opposite of hate, bitterness and anger
- What kind of a person are you – ask an honest friend, ask God

By walking as children of l_____ (v 8)
- God's children are called saints 3-4
- God's children are c_____ of the kingdom of God 5-6
- God's children are light 7-14 – Jesus is the light of the world
  - "Ye are the light of the world" (Matt. 5:14)
  - Light exposes sin but is to bear fruit (11)

By walking in w_____(v 15-17)
- What does it mean to walk wisely? Understand . . . .
- Life is s____ – make the best use of opportunities God gives us
- Days are e____- opportunities might be taken away due to evil
- God has given us a mind *(v. 17a)*. suggests using our minds
- God has a p_____ - His plan is in His Word (Col. 1:9–10)

In Christ we *are* love, we *are* light, and we *are* wise—and what we do should correspond to what we are, children of God.

What are some other qualities of God that we could imitate?

Your notes here . . . . .