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Ephesians 5:3-21

Passage Outline:
Vs. 3-5 (Imitators as beloved children)
Not named among you as saints:
- Sexual immorality
- Impurity
- Greed
  - And
    - Shameful behavior
    - Foolish talk
    - Dirty talk
- Rather: Thanksgiving
  - Entry into the Kingdom

Vs. 6-14
Do not be deceived:
- Wrath of God upon disobedient
  - Do not participate
    - Once you were darkness; now light
    - Walk as children of light
      - Fruit:
        goodness; righteousness; truth
    - Proving what pleases the Lord
      - Not fellowship with
        - but expose
      - Everything exposed … light
        - Christ will shine upon you

Vs. 15-21
Therefore watch carefully your walk
- Not as unwise or fools
- Know the will of God
- Redeem … days are evil
  - Don't be drunk
  - Be filled
    - speaking
    - singing
    - psalming
    - submitting
      - to one another
        in fear of Christ

Key words and Thoughts: foolish talk (μωρολογία); to name (ὀνομάζω); ribaldry (εὐτραπελία); thanksgiving (εὐχαριστία);inheritance (κληρονομία); greedy (πλεονέκτης); sharer (μέτοχος); goodness (ἀγαθωσύνη); expose (ἐλέγχω) exactly (ἀκριβῶς); unwise (ἄσοφος); foolish (ἄφρων); debauchery (ἀσωτία); fill fully (πληρόω); prove (δοκιμάζω); submit (ὑποτάσσω)

Questions:
In this passage what do you think is Paul's primary concern? His secondary concern?

Do you perceive yourself as a person of light? Why/ why not?

From this passage, who is to submit to whom?

In the Christian life, how important is thanksgiving? Why?