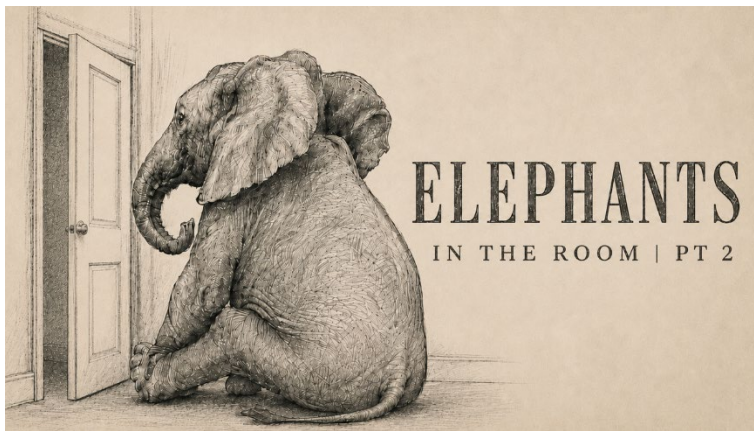




ELEPHANTS IN THE ROOM Pt 2

**“Is It Possible to Be Pure in
This World Today?”**

Ephesians 5:1-21

July 12, 2026

READ Ephesians 5:1-17 Job 4:17; Proverbs 30:12; Psalm 24:3-4; 119:9

Stats – (17 slides)

The Challenge we must embrace – imitate the Father Vs 1-2

- 1) Love Him & walk in His love **Matthew 5:8; 1 John 3:3**
- 2) Love others the way He loves us

The Change we must engage – go from darkness to light Vs 3-14

- 1) The sins to evade **Vs 3-6**
- 2) The changes that ensue **Vs 7-10**
- 3) The actions to embrace **Vs 11-14 2 Timothy 2:22; 1 Peter 1:13-16 CSB; Job 31:1; Philippians 4:8; Matthew 5:28-30; Psalm 101:2-4 1 Corinthians 6:18-20**

The Caution we must examine – consider your life Vs 15-21

- 1) Be careful with your time **Vs 15-17**
- 2) Be full of the Spirit **Vs 18-21**

The Choices we need enact – take the next step

- 1) Be encouraged – there is help, hope, freedom, forgiveness, & healing in Christ
- 2) Be willing to admit it's sin & you have a problem
- 3) Be willing to seek help – it's ok to not be ok
- 4) Be aware you can't & don't need to do it alone

Practical Steps

1. Tell someone you're struggling & bring the darkness to the light where there is freedom.
2. Take some immediate & serious intentional steps as a triage process to create a safe space/zone
 - ✓ Make immediate changes to all technology including gaming consoles, Wi-fi filters, all smart devices, passwords, apps etc.
 - ✓ Make immediate changes with dangerous environments that bring temptation
 - ✓ Engage in appropriate relationship support (seeking those out who are down the road in the recover process)
3. Take long term steps towards freedom including counseling, support group & accountability. (*Carterville Baptist has a group that meets on Sunday nights for men & women*) We also hope to start offering some of these groups too in the very near future