

Be filled with the Spirit
Ephesians 5:15-21

Choose every day to walk in wisdom, filled with the Spirit.

Ephesians 5:15 (ESV)

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,

Ephesians 5:16 (ESV)

making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.

Ephesians 5:17 (ESV)

Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

Ephesians 5:18 (ESV)

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,

Ephesians 5:19 (ESV)

addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart,

Ephesians 5:20 (ESV)

giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Ephesians 5:21 (ESV)

submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

1. The Contrast

A. Not as unwise, but as wise

B. Not as foolish, but understanding what the will of the Lord is

C. Not drunk with wine, but filled with the Spirit

unwise, foolish, drunk vs. wise, understanding the will of the Lord, and filled with the Spirit

Ephesians 5:16 (ESV)

making the best use of the **time**, because the days are evil.

Psalms 90:12 (ESV)

So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

Ephesians 5:17 (ESV)

Therefore do not be **foolish**, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

Ephesians 5:17 (ESV)

Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what **the will of the Lord** is.

Proverbs 3:5 (ESV)

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.

Proverbs 3:6 (ESV)

In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.

Proverbs 3:7 (ESV)

Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.”

Ecclesiastes 12:13 (ESV)

Fear God and keep His commandments for this is the whole duty of man.

Micah 6:8 (ESV)

He has told you, O man, what is good; and **what does the LORD require of you** but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Romans 12:2 (ESV)

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may **discern what is the will of God**, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

1 Thessalonians 5:14 (ESV)

And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all.

1 Thessalonians 5:15 (ESV)

See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone.

1 Thessalonians 5:16 (ESV)

Rejoice always,

1 Thessalonians 5:17 (ESV)

pray without ceasing,

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (ESV)

give thanks in all circumstances; **for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.**

1 Thessalonians 4:3 (ESV)

For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality;

1 Thessalonians 4:4 (ESV)

that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor,

1 Thessalonians 4:5 (ESV)

not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God;

1 Thessalonians 4:6 (ESV)

that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the **Lord is an avenger** in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you.

1 Peter 2:15 (ESV)

For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people.

Ephesians 5:18 (ESV)

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,

2. The Command – Be filled with the Spirit

A. Present Tense

B. Plural

C. Passive

Ephesians 5:18b (ESV)

. . . but be filled with the Spirit,

Ephesians 5:19 (ESV)

addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart,

Ephesians 5:20 (ESV)

giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Ephesians 5:21 (ESV)

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Colossians 3:16 (NKJV)

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Colossians 3:17 (NKJV)

And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

3. The Characteristics

A. Joyful

Ephesians 5:19 (ESV)

addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart,

B. Thankful

Ephesians 5:20 (ESV)

giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

C. Humble

Ephesians 5:21 (ESV)

submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

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