



“Wisdom: Walk in Spirit Control”

Ephesians 5:15-21

I. Heed that you do not live foolishly, but _____
(5:15).

- a. Wisdom requires vigilant commitment of _____ (5:16).
- b. Wisdom requires the application of thoughtfulness and _____ living according to God’s will (5:17).

II. After demanding that Christians live wisely and intentionally, God’s word chooses one area of sin that contrasts all wisdom—living in _____
(5:18).

- a. Drunkenness is “dissipation/debauchery,” and is the express opposite of being _____ with the Spirit (5:18).

Isaiah 25:6; Isaiah 28:7; Leviticus 10:9-11; 1 Timothy 5:23

- b. A string of five participles describe the manner of a Spirit-_____ life (5:18b-21).

Acts 5:3

- i. _____,
_____ and
“_____” songs, hymns and spiritual songs (5:19).

Colossians 3:15-17

- ii. _____ in all (5:20).
- iii. _____ to one another in the church body (5:21).

Three questions for tonight:

1. To be filled with the Spirit either requires one to be thankful. How can you *become* thankful? Asked another way, how can you put on an attitudinal disposition that does not come naturally?
2. What are some specific ways in which we live out within the church the priorities Paul has laid out as a summary of a Spirit-filled life (5 participles: speaking, singing, psalming, giving thanks, and submitting)?
3. Does the defense of abstinence from social drinking in this morning’s message have any weak spots in it that need to be addressed? If so, what are they?