

Wise Living

Ephesians 5:15-21

Adult Sunday School

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Opening Thoughts

Question: Imagine you were to discover that you have one week to live. What regrets would you have? What unfinished business would fill you with sadness? Would you feel you have lived wisely, in a way that honors God? Why or why not?

Text: Ephesians 5:15-21

- 15** Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise,
16 making the most of your time, because the days are evil.
17 So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.
18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit,
19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord;
20 always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to bGod, even the Father;
21 and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.

I. We Must Live Wisely (5:15-17)

Question: Why was Paul so concerned that the Ephesians live wisely?

Question: How do we live wisely?

Definition: Biblical wisdom is being skilled in finding and doing what's pleasing to God.

Question: What does it mean to buy up all our time?

Question: Paul suggests that wisdom should lead believers to understand and do God's will. How can we know the will of God for our lives?

Please notice Paul does not tell us to **find** God's will for our life.

II. The Spirit Enables Wise Living (5:18)

God did not create a world full without him. He created a world to be filled *with* him. We were made to be filled with God.

Definition: To be "filled" means to be permeated with power, like a sail being filled with the wind.

When we are filled with the Spirit, we aren't wasters. We're buyers.

III. The Spirit Enables a Wise Culture (5:19-21)

When God gets involved, it doesn't mean everything will be safe. It just means everything will matter!

Application: Are you making the most of the time God has given you? In light of the truth that your days are numbered, what trivial activities do you need to excise from your life and daily schedule?