

Walk In Wisdom: Part 1

Ephesians 5:15-21

- I. **The Apostle Paul admonished the church at Ephesus to walk wisely, becoming wise in thought and life because of the age in which they live and so that Jesus Christ is glorified by a spiritual fervor within the Church (vv. 15-21).**
 - A. **The Apostle Paul admonished the church to walk wisely (vv. 15-16).**
 1. The manner that believers are to walk is not as unwise but as wise (vv. 15-16).
 2. Believers are to walk wisely by taking advantage of every opportunity (v. 16a).
 3. Believers are to walk wisely because the days are evil (b. 16b).
 - B. **The Apostle Paul admonished the church to become wise in thought (v. 17).**
 1. The Apostle Paul admonished believers to not become foolish because of the time in which they live (v. 17a).
 2. The Apostle Paul admonished believers to understand the Lord's will (v. 17b).
 - C. **The Apostle Paul admonished the church to become wise in life (vv. 18-21).**
 1. The Apostle Paul admonished the church to not get drunk on wine because of the recklessness of drunkenness but instead to be filled with the Spirit (v. 18).
 2. The result of being filled with the Spirit is a spiritual fervor within the church that honors Jesus Christ with praise, gratitude and mutual submission of believers within the Body (vv. 19-21).
- II. **We will reap what we sow (Gal. 6:7-8; cf. Newton's 3rd Law).**
 - A. **God has wired the universe so that there is a cause and effect relationship and an exact correspondence between what we do and the outcome that is achieved (v. 7).**
 - B. **When we make stupid decisions we get stupid outcomes (v. 8a).**
 - C. **When we make wise decisions we get life giving outcomes that will pay long term dividends (v. 8b).**
- III. **Walk in Wisdom**
 - A. **God wants us to take advantage of the many opportunities He gives us.**
 - B. **Walking in wisdom can positively benefit our relationship with the world.**

- C. **We must be careful with our thoughts (2 Cor. 10:5).**
- D. **We must avoid anything that causes us to live recklessly.**
- E. **Walking in wisdom will help develop momentum in the Church so that it grows in passion and glorifies God.**