



Scriptures for further study

Colossians 3:12-17 | Romans 8:26-27 | 1 Corinthians 1:25 | Proverbs 6:6-8

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

15 Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be foolish but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, 19 addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, 20 giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 21 submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ. (ESV)

1. What was your takeaway (key point) from the sermon on Ephesians 5:15-21?
2. In this passage, we find Paul returning one final time to the theme of a believer's "walk" and how they are to "walk worthy of their calling." With their new lives in Christ, they are to live in new ways and be done with the old. How do believers practice walking?
3. Dr. Corts emphasized that walking carefully with Christ and thus finishing well to the end, involves three ongoing practices and conditions, (1) being wise about God's ways, (2) being understanding of God's will and (3) being available to God's Spirit. Which of the three is most challenging for you? Why?
4. In verses 15-16, what does it mean to walk in wisdom? How does the believer gain wisdom? See Proverbs 13:20, James 1:5, Colossians 2:3 and Matthew 7:24-27. How does biblical wisdom radically change how we see the world? According to verse 16, the wise have a proper attitude toward time. What does this attitude look like? What does Paul mean by the "days are evil"?
5. Paul says, "to understand what the will of the Lord is." What does it mean to understand God's will? Why are modern Christians often preoccupied with knowing God's will specifically for their lives? What does Paul mean by foolish, and how do you avoid living a foolish life?
6. What does it mean to "be filled with the Spirit"? What is meant by speaking to "one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs," and how do we sing and make music with our hearts to the Lord? How difficult or challenging is it for you to "give thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ"? Why? What does "submitting yourselves to one another" look like?
7. Those who finish well are wise; they live with God's end in mind. Those who finish well are intentional; they live with God's pleasure in mind. Those who finish well are available; they live with God's active presence in mind. With this in mind; what does a healthy church look and sound like? What does a healthy believer look and sound like? What does your life look and sound like?