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Part 2 Ephesians Chapter 5 NLT

10 Carefully determine what pleases the Lord. 11 Take no part in the worthless deeds of evil and darkness; instead, expose them. 12 It is shameful even to talk about the things that ungodly people do in secret. 13 But their evil intentions will be exposed when the light shines on them, 14 for the light makes everything visible. This is why it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, rise up from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

15 So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise.

16 Make the most of every opportunity (or of your time) in these evil days.

17 Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do.

18 Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, ¹⁹ singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts. ²⁰ And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ And further, submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

1. 5:10 **Carefully** determine what pleases the Lord.
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First Thessalonians 4:1 NLT Finally, dear brothers and sisters, we urge you in the name of the Lord Jesus to live in a way that pleases God, as we have taught you.

2. What is your ambition in life?
2 Corinthians 5:9 Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him.
3. How do we grieve the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 4:30)?
(Genesis 6:6, Psalm 78:40, Isaiah 63:10, Mark 3:5)
4. So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but be wise. What do you need to be careful of in your life? (Eph. 5:15)
5. "Make the most of every opportunity" (Ephesians 5:16).
What would you need to change to make the most of your time?
6. What might I need to empty myself of in order to be filled with the Holy Spirit?

Praying Ephesians 5 Into My Life:

Lord, thank you for taking up residency in me, for dwelling in me, for loving me so much, for never leaving me. Now, will you give me the strength, by your Holy Spirit living in me, to live a life that pleases you. Help me let go of anything that grieves You. Please help me imitate you with my words, with my life and in all my relationships. Help me have as the ambition of my life to please you, allowing me to live a life worthy of the calling you have placed on me. Help me live my life making the most of every opportunity you give me in the short time I am on this planet. Help me be sensitive to the needs of those around me. Let your love flow out of me today and each day of my life.

In Jesus Name, Amen.