

THE SPIRIT-YIELDED LIFE

EPHESIANS 5:15-22, 31-33



EPHESIANS 5:15

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,

carefully - akribōs

exactly, accurately, with strict attention to detail

We are not called to be reckless wanderers in this world. We are called to be precise, intentional pilgrims who know exactly where we are going because we know exactly who is leading us.



EPHESIANS 5:16

making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.

making the best use - exagorazō

to buy up, to redeem, to rescue from loss

**We should put forth the spiritual and mental energy
necessary to understand the will of the Lord.**

EPHESIANS 5:17

Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

**Understanding God's will is not some mystical riddle we have to decode.
It begins with knowing His Word, spending time in His presence, and
being willing to obey what He has already revealed.**

EPHESIANS 5:18

*And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery,
but be filled with the Spirit,*

The word "filled" is the Greek plēroō, meaning "to fill to the fullest, to be controlled by, to be permeated with." It is a present tense imperative, meaning this is not a one-time event but a continuous, ongoing filling.

EPHESIANS 5:19

addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart,

When the Spirit controls your life, worship becomes irresistible.

EPHESIANS 5:20

*giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,*

**We give thanks not because our circumstances are always pleasant,
but because our Savior is always faithful.**

EPHESIANS 5:21

submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

submitting - hupotassō

*to arrange oneself under, to voluntarily place oneself
in an orderly fashion under authority*

**Spirit-filled submission is not weakness.
It is Christlike strength under control.**

EPHESIANS 5:31-33

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Every wedding is an echo of the gospel.

Every faithful marriage is a living sermon about the love of Christ for His people.

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The Spirit-yielded life transforms everything it touches: our walk becomes careful, our time becomes redeemed, our worship becomes joyful, our gratitude becomes constant, our relationships become selfless, and our marriages become gospel portraits.