

Ephesians: Walking in Wisdom?

(Ephesians 5:15-21)

Wise Walking (v. 15-17)

- Paul urges us to use care in how we live
 - Which calls for wisdom
- Wisdom: applying the truth of God to our lives
 - Not universal in its application
 - But situational
- Redeeming the time
 - Claiming our time for God's Kingdom
 - Even as we live in a world in opposition to Him
- Avoiding foolishness
 - Foolishness: To claim or live as if there is no God (Ps. 14:1; 53:1)
 - Wisdom means seeking God's will
 - Which is done through the Spirit

Filled with the Spirit (v. 18)

- We are called to abstain from drunkenness
 - Excessive alcohol & other substances which lower own's inhibitions
- But rather being filled with the Spirit
 - The Holy Spirit gives us self-control (Gal. 5:23)
 - Drunkenness robs us of it

Spirit-Filled Living (v. 19-21)

- Encouraging each other
 - Using Scripture & God-centered music
- Worshiping God
- Thanksgiving
- Submitting to each other
 - Putting others before ourselves

So What?

- Are we walking wisely, living as those filled with the Spirit?
- Or are we living out a poor imitation?

Meditation Verse: *Ephesians 5:15-16*