

# A Sure Foundation: The Letter To The Ephesians

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## 13 – WALKING AS A BELIEVER – PART 2 (EPHESIANS 5:15-21)

### I. Live Carefully (Ephesians 5:15-17)

#### A. The Call (Ephesians 5:15)

- Paul calls his readers to live their lives in such a way that is careful or cautious.

#### B. The Manner (Ephesians 5:15-17)

##### 1. Not as Fools (Ephesians 5:15)

- Paul calls believers to not conduct themselves as fools but as those who are wise.
- A fool is someone who is unwise in how they conduct themselves.

##### 2. Making the Most of Our Time (Ephesians 5:16)

- Paul calls believers to take advantage of the opportunities that time presents to them.
- Paul refers to the need to do this since we live in evil days.

##### 3. Not as Unwise (Ephesians 5:17)

- Because the days we live in are evil, Paul repeats his call for believers to not be unwise.
- We can do this by understanding what the will of God is.

SCRIPTURE Romans 12:2

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

### II. Live Spirit-Filled (Ephesians 5:18-21)

#### A. The Command (Ephesians 5:18)

##### 1. The Negative Command (Ephesians 5:18)

- Paul tells believers to not be drunk with wine.

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 6:10

nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 5:11

Woe to those who rise early in the morning,  
That they may follow intoxicating drink;

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Who continue until night, till wine inflames them!

SCRIPTURE Proverbs 20:1  
Wine is a mocker, Strong drink is a brawler,  
And whoever is led astray by it is not wise.

- Paul tells believers that drunkenness is debauchery or dissipation.
- Debauchery conveys the meaning of a lifestyle that is wasteful and lacking moral restraint.

## 2. The Positive Command (Ephesians 5:18)

- Paul calls believers to be filled with the Holy Spirit.
- “Filled” is contrasted with “drunkenness” concerning the issue of control in one’s life.
- So, Paul telling believers to allow the Holy Spirit to control their lives.

## B. The Spirit-Filled Life (Ephesians 5:19-21)

### 1. Corporate Worship (Ephesians 5:19)

- The spirit-filled life is reflected in songs and worship to the Lord.

### 2. Thanksgiving (Ephesians 5:20)

- The spirit-filled life is reflected in giving thanks for all things to the Lord.

### 3. Submission to One Another (Ephesians 5:21)

- The spirit-filled life is reflected in mutual submission to each other.