



Ephesians: “New Life//New Wisdom & Influence”

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Text: Ephesians 5:15-21

Main Point: Since you have received new life through Jesus Christ walk with wisdom, full of the Holy Spirit.

Key Ideas:

1. Walk Filled with Wisdom
 - Biblical wisdom is taking theoretical knowledge of God and his revealed truth (Scriptures) and translating them into practical skill and discernment for living a life pleasing to God.
 - Walking wisely is shown in how we use our time and how we discern God’s will for our lives.
2. Walk Filled with the Spirit
 - No matter how long or short you have been a Christian, or what you past experience has been, We all need to be filled with the Holy Spirit. This **must** be a continual, daily pursuit.
 - There is both a vertical (towards God) effect of being filled with the Spirit, and a horizontal (towards others) effect of being filled with the Spirit.

Application Questions

1. Ephesians 5:16 tell us to “[*make*] the best use of time”. Do you see time as a precious commodity in God’s world? Where do diversions and distractions rob your time? What can you do to be “Resolved: Never to lose one moment of time, but to improve it in the most profitable way I possibly can. (Jonathan Edwards)”?
2. Sometimes Christians are concerned about the future, worrying that they haven’t discovered God’s perfect will for their lives, even to the point of being in a frustrated state of paralysed-indecision. How does Ephesians help us understand God’s revealed plan for our lives, and what difference should that make on a day-today basis?
3. Why is it so vital that Christians constantly pursue being filled with the Holy Spirit? What effects should being filled with the Holy Spirit have on our day-to-day lives? How has this passage changed the way you viewed being filled with the Holy Spirit?