

BE WISE—BE FILLED

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Living Out Our Inheritance In Christ, Part 19

MAIN IDEA: What it takes to walk as a light in a dark world... walk wisely, walk filled.

¹⁵ Be very careful, then, how you walk—not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. **Ephesians 5:15-17**

1. Walk **CAREFULLY & DILIGENTLY**.

2. Walking **WISELY**.

Examine yourselves to see whether you are [living] in the faith; test yourselves. **2 Cor. 13:5** (1 Cor. 11:28; Ps. 139)

Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure. **Proverbs 4:26** ESV (Haggai 1:5, 7; 2:15, 18)

Know the Truth

How we use our time

Learning Attitude

I applied my heart to what I observed, and learned a lesson from what I saw... **Proverbs 24:32**

"Days are evil" but **God is working anyway!**

...the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. **John 5:19–20**

¹⁸ Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. **Ephesians 5:18-21**

Why do we need it? Aren't we filled already?

Are You Spirit-filled?

When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance... **Ephesians 1:13-14** (2 Cor. 1:22; 1 Cor. 2:12)

"BE BEING FILLED"

If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him! **Luke 11:13**

"Don't Be Drunk, Be Filled" Contrast

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. **Acts 4:31**

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. **2 Corinthians 3:17**

How Does This Happen?

1. You **ASK** and **SEEK**.

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2. You **EXPECT**.

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. **Luke 11:9-10**

3. You **WAIT**.

I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope. **Psalms 130:5** (see Acts 1:4, 8)

4. You **YIELD**.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts... Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly... **Colossians 3:15-16**