

Ephesians 5:15-21 Part I

Walk in Wisdom

1. Paul's Exhortation: (15a)

- a. Look then how you walk: _____ . –Eph 5:3-14
- b. Be careful how you walk: _____ . –Matt 2:8; Luke 1:3

2. First Contrast: (15b-16)

- a. Not as unwise: to be...
 - i. ..._____ of God's plans and purposes. –Eph 4:18
 - ii. ..._____ of God's plans and purposes. –Lk 8:14
- b. But as wise: to know...
 - i. ...God's plan to _____ all things in _____. –Eph 1:8-9
 - ii. ...your _____, _____, and His _____. –Eph 1:17-19
 - iii. ...God's public purpose for His unified _____. –Eph 3:8-12
- c. Adopt a wise attitude towards time:
 - i. Make _____ of it. –Dan 2:8; Gal 4:5; Col 4:5*
 - ii. For the Devil rules these in these _____. –Eph 2:2

3. Second Contrast: (17)

- a. Do not be foolish: –Eph 4:18
 - i. _____: denying or refusing to fear God. –Prov 1:7, 20-33
 - ii. _____: unteachable and willful. –Prov 10:23; 12:15-16; 13:9
 - iii. _____: unskilled at life. –Prov 17:2; 18:6-7; 26:1-12
- b. But understand what the will of the Lord is:
 - i. The will of _____. –Eph 1:2-3, 15-17; 2:19-21; 3:11; 4:1, 5
 - ii. His will has already been _____. –Eph 1:5, 9, 11
 - iii. We are to _____ His will and act upon it. –Mk 3:35; Rom 12:2

4. Third Contrast: (18-21)

- a. Do not be drunk with wine.
- b. But be filled with the Spirit.

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Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.