

Walking Wisely

Ephesians 5:15-21*

Here is a message for both the defeated and the complacent. To the defeated God says 'Be filled with the Spirit, and He will give you a new love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness and self-control.' To the complacent God says 'go on being filled with the Spirit. Thank God for what He has given you thus far. But do not say you have arrived. For there is more, much more, yet to come.' If you are either defeated or complacent in life this passage exhorts us to wise living. Are you living wisely as God defines wisdom?

Those who live wisely . . .

. . . are careful about their life (15)

. . . maximize their time (16)

. . . comprehend the will of the Lord (17)

. . . choose a Spirit-filled lifestyle (18)

. . . communicate a Spirit-filled lifestyle (19-21)

—four marks of Spirit-filled living

1. (19a)

2. (19b)

3. (20)

4. (21)

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