



Spirit-Filled: Maximizing the Christian
Life When Times are Tough.

Ephesians 5:15-21



Ephesians 5:18

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debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit

I. Spirit-filled Christians Live Wisely vv. 15-17.

¹⁵ 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.



I. Spirit-filled Christians live wisely vv. 15-17.

- A. Since we live in a fallen world we must choose to live wisely not foolishly. Carelessness is a luxury we cannot afford.
 - B. When times are tough, we must live wisely if we are to make the best of it.
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II. Spirit-filled Christians Talk and Act Like They are Under the Influence of the Holy Spirit v. 18.

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit.

- A. The contrast is between the influence that the Holy Spirit has on us vs. the influence of alcohol.
 - B. The world, the flesh, and the devil always seek to hurt our Christian life by influencing us to live unwisely before God and man.
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III. Spirit-filled Christians Strengthen Each other by Glorifying God vv. 18b-20.

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,



I. Spirit-filled Christians Strengthen Each Other by Glorifying God vv. 19-20.

- Glorifying God is both the cause and effect of being Spirit-filled.



IV. Spirit-filled Christians Know How to Work Together vv. 19-20

submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

- A. Submit means to fall under the authority of another.
 - B. When we are unable to submit to one another the work of the church & the Spirit will be hindered.
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