

**WALK IN WISDOM**  
**Being Filled with the Spirit**

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Ephesians 5:15-21

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**Book Theme:** The Eternal Plan of God

**Book Theme Verse:** Eph 4:1 Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called,

**Outline**

<b>I.</b>	<b>Position of the Christian</b>	<b>1-3</b>	<b>explain - doctrine - proclamation</b>
<b>II.</b>	<b>Practice of the Christian</b>	<b>4-6</b>	

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- 1) Walk in Unity (4:1-16)
- 2) Walk in Holiness (4:17-32)
- 3) Walk in Love (5:1-6)
- 4) Walk in Light (5:7-14)
- 5) Walk in Wisdom (5:15-6:9)
- 6) Stand in Warfare (6:10-20)

**Lesson Verse:** Eph 5:15 Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise,

**Theme:** The practice of the Christian is motivated by His love for God for the position he has received from Him by the sacrifice of His Son and the gift of His Spirit. The Christian therefore makes the effort in wise walking and exhibits the effects of Spirit filling.

**I.      The Effort in Wise Walking                      15-18**

1. Contemplate the activities of your life that will bear fruit
2. Consider the best use of the limited time you have in each day
  - a. Prioritize the activities which God views as most important
  - b. Recognize the opportunities to serve God and serve others from where you are
  - c. Eliminate foolish activities that lead to ruin

- i. Denies God
- ii. Despises correction
- iii. Elevates himself
- iv. Lives carelessly

3. **Comprehend the will of God for your life**

- a. To be **saved**
- b. To be **transformed** by the renewing of your mind
- c. To be **sexually pure**
- d. To be **joyful always**, to pray always and to give thanks always.
- e. To be **obedient** to His Word, to abide in Him and to walk as Jesus walked
- f. To be **submissive** to the civil authority God has placed over you
- g. To be **submissive** to the spiritual authority God has placed over you
- h. To be **patient** in enduring unjust suffering

4. Come under **the control** of the Spirit

II. **The Effect of Spirit Filling**

19-21

- 1. Desire to participate with believers **in worship** of the Lord Jesus Christ
- 2. Desire to **show gratitude** to the Lord for all things He has done
- 3. Desire to **serve** others in mutual submission