

WALKING IN WISDOM The Book of Ephesians

Introduction

- I. The Wise Walk Is a Diligent Walk Ephesians 5:15
 - A. Walking Diligently Keeps Us from <u>Defection</u> Psalm 14:1, Romans 1:21-22, Titus 3:3-6
 - B. Walking Diligently Keeps Us from Disobedience Galatians 3:1,3
 - C. Walking Diligently Keeps Us from Destruction 1 Timothy 6:9
- II. The Wise Walk Is a <u>Disciplined</u> Walk Ephesians 5:16, Psalm 90:10, 1 Chronicles 29:15, Job 7:6, Psalm 39:5, Psalm 102:3, Psalm 103:15-16, James 4:14, Psalm 90:12
- III. The Wise Walk Is a <u>Directed</u> Walk Ephesians 5:17, Psalm 37:4, John 7:17, Psalm 32:8-9
- IV. The Wise Walk Is a Dynamic Walk Ephesians 5:18-21
 - A. The Command to Be Filled With the Spirit Ephesians 5:18
 - B. The Consequences to Being Filled With the Spirit Ephesians 5:19-21
 - 1. A Dynamic Way of <u>Speaking</u> Ephesians 5:19
 - 2. A Dynamic Way of Singing Ephesians 5:19
 - 3. A Dynamic Way of Saying "Thank You" Ephesians 5:20
 - 4. A Dynamic Way of Submitting Ephesians 5:21

Conclusion

- 1. Desire to Be Filled John 7:37-39, James 4:2
- 2. Denounce Sin in Your Life 1 John 1:9
- 3. <u>Dedicate</u> Yourself Fully to Christ Romans 12:1-2
- 4. Depend Daily on the Holy Spirit Galatians 5:16

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Getting Started

1. Pastor Jeremiah said, "Wisdom is the skill for navigating life." Describe someone you know who is skilled at doing life well.

2. Share *your* story. When have you made a wise decision? What about a time when you made an unwise decision? What was the outcome of each?

Going Deeper

1.Read Ephesians 5:15. How might a person "walk, while looking around"? In what way does "keeping our eyes wide open" help us navigate life well?

2. Read Psalm 14:1, Romans 1:21-22, and Titus 3:3-6. If a person is not walking in
wisdom, what does this say about their character? Their heart? Their way of
doing life?

3. Read 1 Timothy 6:9. How might a Christian "self-destruct" even though she/he is a follower of Jesus? Describe an example of this type of personal implosion

4. Read Ephesians 5:16. In what way might a person obediently live in order to "redeem" the time he/she has been given by God?

5. Our earthly lives are simultaneously precious and brief. Read the following passages and discuss the need for us to be obediently intentional with the limited time we have been given.

I Chronicles 29:15 Job 7:6 Psalm 39:5 Psalm 102:3 Psalm 103:15-16 James 4:14

Applying the Message

1. Describe the way in which your life feels complicated, difficult or even overwhelming? When/where did this begin?

2. Read Galatians 5:16. How might deliberately engaging in a new, obedient way of doing life help you live with less complications? What is the next step of faith that would take you in this direction?