

December 29, 2024
Ephesians 5:15-21
“Walk In: Humility, Unity, Love, Light, and Wisdom”

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Believers are exhorted to pay careful attention to his/her personal behavior. Concentrate on leading an irreproachable life. Forget the past, nothing you can do about it, look forward. To finish well is among the highest of goals and aspirations of the Christian life. Our days are numbered, **Psalm 139**, make the most of them!

A person controlled by alcohol is not going to be controlled by the Holy Spirit. Drinking is thought good for accomplishing the desire to be happy or to forget sorrows. The only genuine happiness and healing of a broken heart are God given. A good buzz is good only in producing an artificial happiness, a temporary escape that just may bring with it a plethora of unexpected/undesirable consequences. There are about 29 million alcoholics in the USA. About 12.6 million of those are teenagers. No where in the Bible is drunkenness approved. Alcohol is not totally condemned either, Paul advised Timothy to take a little wine for his stomach for example. Is drinking your best Christian voice of choice? No one sets out to be a drunk, is it worth the risk?

The power of music is undeniable, it can carry your mind down a dead-end dirt road or, it can carry your mind to the high road. Sing from the heart when you sing to God!

The wisdom of the world is to dominate others, no submitting. God's Word says to voluntarily subject yourself to others. What would a world like that look like? Heaven!

Application:

Live this new life in Christ with gusto. Display the qualities and characteristics of a man or woman of God in your daily walk. Kind and gentle, not cold and bitter. Imitate God. Live this way, humbly, striving for unity, in personal holiness, and with love for God and others. Can't do this on your own, it requires godly wisdom. Paul is calling for **consistency** in one's Christian walk, this takes a conscious effort. How to walk wisely is plainly expressed in the book of Proverbs, check it out! Today is the day you have, make the most of it for God's glory. Dare to be different. In a world surrounded by people of darkness, be light. You may be the only Jesus they ever see. Ask your self, if I were to sit down and talk with God face to face about what I am doing with my life, my time, would He be pleased? We are all making choices everyday. The days are evil, make the most of your time, learn and do the will of the Lord for your life; read the Word, pray, seek counsel, sometimes just sit quietly before the Lord.