

Ephesians 5:15-21: Wisdom And Worship:

I. 15-18: Wisdom.

Because this light was given to us, we should walk circumspectly – **carefully, wisely**, not as fools. Walk applying the knowledge of God that we already have and learning from the mistakes we've made.

“Wisdom is the power to see and the inclination to choose the best and highest goal, together with the surest means of attaining it.” J.I. Packer,

“Redeeming time” means to make the most of every opportunity for the LORD as if you were buying lost time back.

Colossians 4:5 - Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time.

Why? Because the days are evil...

2 Timothy 3:1-5 - But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

Understand what the will of the Lord is:

1 Thessalonians 4:3-7 - For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God; that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified. For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness.

Colossians 3:2 - Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

Judges 16:28 - Then Samson called to the LORD, saying, “O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray! Strengthen me, I pray, just this once, O God, that I may with one blow take vengeance on the Philistines for my two eyes!”

John 16:13-14 - "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. "He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.

Paul says that drunkenness is **dissipation**. This means that drunkenness is a waste of resources." Drunkenness leads to thousands of deaths, injuries and loss of productivity.

II. 19-20: Worship.

Singing hymns, spiritual songs, making melodies and giving thanks to the Lord is worship.

"To worship God is to recognize his worth or worthiness; to look God-ward, and to acknowledge in all appropriate ways the value of what we see. The Bible calls this activity "glorifying God" or "giving glory to God," and views it as the ultimate end, and from one point of view, the whole duty of man."

Isaiah 12:5 - Sing to the LORD, for He has done excellent things; this is known in all the earth.

Psalms 95:1 - Oh come, let us sing to the LORD! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.

Psalms 100:2 - Serve the LORD with gladness; come before His presence with singing.

Psalms 100:4 - Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.

"Every hour, yea, every moment has brought a favor upon its wings. Look downward and give thanks, for you are saved from hell; look on the right hand and give thanks, for you are enriched with gracious gifts; look on the left hand and give thanks, for you are shielded from deadly ills; look above you and give thanks, for heaven awaits you." Charles Spurgeon.

Colossians 3:16 - Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.