

# “Intentionally Walking as People of Wisdom and the Spirit”

Ephesians 5:15-21 3/08/2020

Sermon Series: *Living out God’s Riches for God’s Glory*

**Big Idea-** The previous chapters have revealed to us the amazing blessings of God that He has given and done for us (1:3-5) and now we are commanded to walk worthy of this calling (4:1). Specifically, this walk includes love and light and now Paul focuses on Walking in Wisdom and the Spirit.

**LESSON 1-** An intentional walk is one done in WISDOM Vv. 15-17

- A. Our walk must first begin with us watching CAREFULLY  
(Mark 13:5, 9, 23; Luke 21:8; Prov 1:7; 2 Cor 1:12; 1 Cor 3:19)
- B. Our walk must include making productive use of our TIME  
(Colossians 4:5; Eph 6:13; “redeeming for yourselves”)
- C. Our walk must avoid foolishness and understand God’s WISDOM

*A few of the characteristics that Proverbs reveals about “fools” are that they are lazy (24:30); they have uncontrolled tongues (18:6–7; 29:20) and thus lie (6:12), slander (10:18), quarrel (20:3), and are quick-tempered (14:29; 29:11; see also Eccl 7:9); they are proud (13:16), hate knowledge (1:22), and despise advice or correction (12:1, 15; 15:5); and they are reckless and careless (14:16).*

(from Ephesians Commentary by Clinton Arnold)

*A wise person is hungry for knowledge, while the fool feeds on trash.*  
(Prov. 15:14 NLT)

**LESSON 2-** An intentional walk is one done in the SPIRIT Vv. 18-21

- A. Our walk must be Spirit led and avoids actions that are WASTEFUL  
(Drunkenness- 1 Cor 6:9; Gal 5:21; Prov 23:29-34; 2 Cor 6:16)
- B. Our walk must be Spirit led and involves worshipful ATTITUDES  
(This includes speaking spiritually to each other and God- Thankfulness)
- C. Our walk must be Spirit led and involves mutual SUBMISSION  
(Eph 4:2-3; unity, humility, gentleness; Phil 2:3-4; Rom 12:10)

**Application** God wants us to walk in wisdom by His Holy Spirit!

*Our Vision- Striving to be Disciples who make Disciples*

**1 Corinthians 3:19** For the wisdom of this age is foolishness with God. As it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness." (1 Cor. 3:19 NET)

**Colossians 4:5** Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. (Col. 4:5 NAU)

**Philippians 2:3** Instead of being motivated by selfish ambition or vanity, each of you should, in humility, be moved to treat one another as more important than yourself. <sup>4</sup> Each of you should be concerned not only about your own interests, but about the interests of others as well. (Phil. 2:3 NET)

<sup>NET</sup> **Romans 12:10** Be devoted to one another with mutual love, showing eagerness in honoring one another. (Rom. 12:10 NET)