



Insight to Ephesians 5:1-21

Walking Wisely

Being Filled by the Spirit

(CRITICAL CONCEPT #3)



BEING FILLED BY THE SPIRIT Ephesians 5:1-14

5 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children;
2 and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up
for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.
3 But immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be named
among you, as is proper among saints
4 and there must be no filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting,
which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks
5 For this you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure per-
son or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the
kingdom of Christ and God.

6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these
things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience
7 Therefore do not be partakers with them;
8 for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord;
walk as children of Light
9 (for the fruit of the Light consists in all goodness and righteous-
ness and truth),
10 trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.
11 Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead
even expose them;
12 for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done by
them in secret.
13 But all things become visible when they are exposed by the light,
for everything that becomes visible is light.
14 For this reason it says,

“Awake, sleeper,
And arise from the dead,
And Christ will shine on you.”

NASB

BEING FILLED BY THE SPIRIT
Ephesians 5:15-21

15 Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise,
16 making the most of your time, because the days are evil.
17 So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.
18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit,
19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord;
20 always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father;
21 and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.

NASB

OUTLINE
Ephesians 5:1-21

Walking in Love	5:1-5
Walking in the Light	5:6-14
Walking Wisely	5:15-21



WALKING IN LOVE Ephesians 5:1-5

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| 1 | Therefore,
as beloved children
(you) become imitators
of God | <i>Dos #1a</i> |
| 2 | and
(you) walk in love ,
just as Christ also loved us
and
<i>just as Christ also gave himself up</i>
for us,
as an offering
and
<i>as a sacrifice to God</i>
for a fragrant aroma. | <i>Dos #1b</i> |
| 3 | But
among you
do not let sexual immorality . . . even be mentioned
and as is appropriate
impurity of any kind for the saints.
or
greed, | <i>Don'ts #2a</i> |
| 4 | and
[let there be no] obscenity
and
foolish talk
nor
sarcastic ridicule,
which are inappropriate, | <i>Don'ts #2b</i> |
| 5 | but rather
[let there be] thanksgiving.
For you certainly know this
that no immoral person has an inheritance
or in the kingdom
<i>no impure person</i> of Christ
or and
<i>no greedy person,</i> of God.
who is an idolater | <i>Dos #2c</i>

<i>Reason</i> |



ENTER & INHERIT the KINGDOM New Testament

ENTERING THE KINGDOM

<u>BOOK</u>	<u>CH</u>	<u>VS</u>	<u>TEXT</u>	<u>GIFT</u>	<u>REWARD</u>
MATT	5	20	ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN	X ¹	
	7	21	ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN	X ¹	
	18	3	ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN	X	
	19	23-24	ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN	XX	
MARK	9	47	ENTER THE KINGDOM OF GOD	X	
	10	15	ENTER IT (KINGDOM OF GOD)	X	
		23-25	ENTER THE KINGDOM OF GOD	XXX	
LUKE	18	17	ENTER IT (KINGDOM OF GOD)	X	
		24-25	ENTER THE KINGDOM OF GOD	XX	
JOHN	3	5	ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD	X	
ACTS	14	22	ENTER THE KINGDOM OF GOD	X	

INHERITING THE KINGDOM

<u>BOOK</u>	<u>CH</u>	<u>VS</u>	<u>TEXT</u>	<u>GIFT</u>	<u>REWARD</u>
MATT	25	34	INHERIT THE KINGDOM		X
1 COR	6	9-10	INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD		XX
		15	INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD		X
GAL	5	21	INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD		X
EPH	5	5	INHERITANCE (N) IN THE KINGDOM		X

¹ Both texts concern "positional" righteousness through faith in Christ rather than "practical" righteousness as illustrated by Abraham in James 2:21-24 in reference to Genesis 15:6.

To INHERIT New Testament

<u>BOOK</u>	<u>CH</u>	<u>VS</u>	<u>TEXT</u>	<u>GIFT</u>	<u>EARNED</u>
MATT	5	5	INHERIT THE <u>EARTH</u>		X
	19	29	INHERIT ETERNAL <u>LIFE</u> ¹		X
	25	34	INHERIT THE <u>KINGDOM</u>		X
MARK	10	17	DO TO INHERIT ETERNAL <u>LIFE</u> ¹		X
LUKE	10	25	DO TO INHERIT ETERNAL <u>LIFE</u> ¹		X
	18	18	DO TO INHERIT ETERNAL <u>LIFE</u> ¹		X
1 COR	6	9-10	INHERIT THE <u>KINGDOM</u> OF GOD		XX
	15	50	INHERIT THE <u>KINGDOM</u> OF GOD		X
GAL	5	21	INHERIT THE <u>KINGDOM</u> OF GOD		X
HEB	1	4	INHERITED A MORE EXCELLENT <u>NAME</u>		X
		14	WHO WILL INHERIT <u>DELIVERANCE</u>		X
	6	12	INHERIT THE <u>PROMISES</u>		X
	12	17	INHERIT THE <u>BLESSING</u>		X
1 PET	3	9	INHERIT A <u>BLESSING</u>		X
REV	21	7	WHO <u>OVERCOMES</u> SHALL INHERIT		X

¹ Questions both by the Rich Young Ruler (Mark 10:17; Luke 18:18) and the Lawyer (Luke 10:25) were erroneous, being based on the rabbinical understanding that eternal life (positional righteousness) was obtain by works and therefore earned.

Responding to Peter's question concerning what was the benefit for following Christ (Matt 19:27), Jesus said, "[you] shall inherit eternal life" (v 29), assuring Peter that obedience (practical righteousness) of the already saved, as compared to the RYR, leads to rewards.

WALKING IN LOVE Ephesians 5:1-5

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that no immoral person has an inheritance
or
<i>no impure person</i>
or
<i>no greedy person,</i>
who is an idolater
in the kingdom
of Christ
and
of God. | <i>Dos #2c</i>

<i>Reason</i> |



WALKING IN THE LIGHT Ephesians 5:6-14

- 6 Let no one deceive you
with empty words;
for God's wrath comes
on the sons
of disobedience
because of these things
- 7 Therefore
(you) **do not become fellow participants** *Don'ts #3*
with them;
- 8 for you were formerly darkness,
but
you now are light
in the Lord;
(you) **walk as children** *Dos #3*
of light
- 9 —for the fruit consists in all goodness
of light and
righteousness
and
truth—
- 10 approving what is pleasing to the Lord.
- 11 (you) **do not participate** in unfruitful works *Don'ts #4*
but instead of darkness,
(you) **expose them.** *Dos #4*
- 12 For the things done in secret are shameful to mention,
13 but
everything exposed becomes visible,
by the light
for everything that becomes visible is light.
- 14 Therefore
it says, "Wake up, O Sleeper,
and
arise from the dead,
and
Christ will shine on you." *Reason*

WALKING WISELY Ephesians 5:15-21

15	Therefore (you) look how carefully you are walking, not as unwise but as wise,	<i>Don'ts #5</i> <i>Dos #5</i>
16	taking advantage of every opportunity, because the days are evil.	
17	On account of this (you) do not become foolish, but (you) understand what the Lord's will is.	<i>Don'ts #6</i> <i>Dos #6</i>
18	And (you) do not get drunk with wine, in which there is dissipation, but (you) be filled by the Spirit,	<i>Don'ts #7</i> <i>Dos #7</i>
19	speaking to one another by means of psalms hymns, and spiritual songs, singing songs and psalms to the Lord with your hearts.	<i>Result #1</i> <i>Result #2</i>
20	giving thanks always to God, the Father for all things in our Lord Jesus Christ's name,	<i>Result #3</i>
21	submitting to one another in the fear of Christ.	<i>Result #4</i>

PREDOMINANT INTERPRETATIONS
Ephesians 5:18

OPTION

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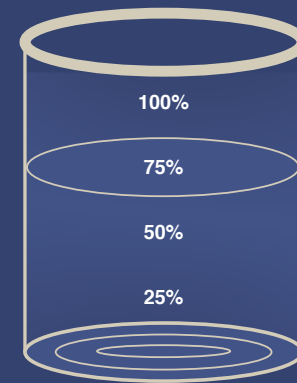
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Quantity of Spirit

Control

Wine Controlled

Spirit Controlled



GRAMMATICAL CONSTRUCTION
Ephesians 5:18

(BELIEVER) DO NOT BE DRUNK BY WINE

Subject
(2nd pers, pl)

Verb
(pres, pass, imper)

Agent
(dative)

(BELIEVER) BE FILLED BY THE SPIRIT

Subject
(2nd pers, pl)

Verb
(pres, pass, imper)

Agent
(dative)

MISSING ITEMS IN THE TEXT
Ephesians 5:18

RESULT	MANNER	AGENT
Drunk	[]	Wine
Filled	[]	Spirit



ITEMS ASSUMED FROM THE TEXT
Ephesians 5:18

RESULT

MANNER

AGENT

Drunk

Alcohol

Wine

Filled

Christ's Will

Spirit

PREFERRED INCLUSIVE TRANSLATION
Ephesians 5:18

**Do not get drunk [with alcohol] by wine,
in which there is dissipation,
but
be filled [with Christ's will] by the Spirit.**



**GRAMMATICAL CONSTRUCTION
ADDRESSING FLESH-SPIRIT CONTRAST
Ephesians 5:18**

(Believer) do not be drunk (with alcohol) by the flesh

Subject

Manner

Agent

(Believer) be filled (with Christ's will) by the Spirit

Subject

Manner

Agent

**BIBLICAL PRINCIPLE
FLESH-SPIRIT PERSPECTIVE
Ephesians 5:18**

**Do not be influenced [with “any stimulus” from
the world’s system] by one’s propensity to sin,
but
be influenced [with Christ’s will from
the Word of God] by the Spirit.**



THE CONTRASTS
Ephesians 5:15-18

VERSE	“DO NOT BE”	CONTRAST	“BE”	RELATES TO
15	Unwise	“BUT”	Wise	Word of God
17	Foolish	“BUT”	Understand	Will of God
18	Drunk	“BUT”	Filled	Spirit of God



THE CONTRASTS
Ephesians 5:15-18

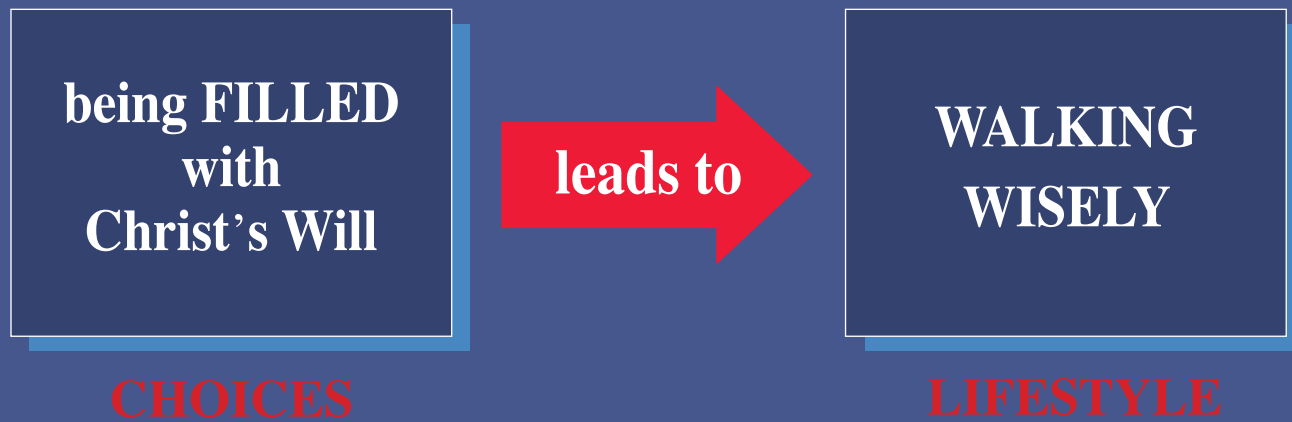
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17	Foolish	“BUT”	Understand	Will of God
18	Drunk	“BUT”	Filled	Spirit of God



WALKING WISELY Ephesians 5:15-21

- 15 Therefore
(you) **look how carefully you are walking,**
not as **unwise**
but
as **wise,** *Don'ts #5*
Dos #5
- 16 taking advantage of every opportunity,
because the days are evil.
- 17 On account of this
(you) **do not become foolish,** *Don'ts #6*
but
(you) **understand** what the **Lord's will** is. *Dos #6*
- 18 And
(you) **do not get drunk** *Don'ts #7*
[with **alcohol**]
by **wine,**
in which there is dissipation,
but
(you) **be filled** *Dos #7*
[with **Christ's will**]
by the **Spirit,**
- 19 speaking to one another *Result #1*
by means of psalms
hymns,
and
spiritual songs,
singing songs *Result #2*
and
psalms to the Lord
with your hearts.
- 20 giving thanks always to God, the Father *Result #3*
for all things
in our Lord Jesus Christ's name,
- 21 submitting to one another *Result #4*
in the fear of Christ.

PRODUCT OF CHOICES



CONVERGANCE OF FILLING AND LEADING

