

19 February 2023

“Live Wisely in the Fear of the LORD Using the Time God Gives” Ephesians 5:15-21

Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:

1. **What is the quality that describes how Christians should live (v. 15)?**
2. **How are the people of God to use their time (v. 16a)?**
3. **Why are Christians to use their time wisely (v. 16b)?**
4. **What characteristic should NOT describe a follower of Christ (v. 17a)?**
5. **About what must every Christian have understanding and insight (v. 17b)?**
6. **What is not fitting for a Christian that involves drinking wine (v. 18a)? Why (v. 18b)?**
7. **Instead of being excessively filled with wine, what is a Christian to do (v. 18c)?**
8. **What four ways are identified as marks of being filled in the Spirit (vv. 19-21)?**
9. **What kinds of songs are God’s people to sing (v. 19a)?**
10. **How are Christians to address one another and sing to the Lord (v. 19b)?**
11. **For what things are followers of Jesus to give thanks (v. 20a)?**
12. **When are Christians to be thankful and express it (v. 20a)?**
13. **Why do Christians submit (v. 21b)?**
14. **Reflect on the past week. What did you say and do that was wise? What was unwise?**
15. **How attentive are you about what you believe and how you live during the course of a day and week?**
16. **What answer would you give for the following questions: 1) Why do you go to church to worship? 2) Why do you worship on Sunday? 3) Why do you believe the Bible? 4) Why is it important to read and know what the Bible says? 5) What is sin and why is it bad? 6) What happens when you die?**
17. **What does it mean to “fear” the LORD? Is there “good” fear and “bad” fear? Should people be afraid of God? What aspect of fearing God should the Christian NOT have (see 1 John 4:18)?**
18. **The sermon referenced the Second Commandment and the common practice of depicting Jesus pictorially. Do you agree or disagree that this practice has an impact on the “fear of the LORD”?**
19. **What does Paul mean by “making the best use of the time” in verse 16?**
20. **How are days “evil”?**
21. **How do you usually utilize the time you have in a typical day? What opportunities throughout a typical day do you have to further your growth in grace and advance the Kingdom of Christ? What events or actions throughout the week help you grow wiser in your Christian walk?**
22. **How have you seen God’s providence granting you opportunities to promote the Gospel?**