

"Spirit-filled Walking"  
Ephesians 5:15-21

"This is... easy... hard... impossible... an adventure!"

The Warning: Be Careful How You Walk - Eph 5:15

- The days are "evil" - Eph 5:16
  - ... "evil" - a theory of success based upon self-determination
  - ... "I've got a right to myself, to decide for myself..." = under the influence of "evil" - Gen 3:1; Judges 17:6
- The result:
  - ... "unwise" (un+thoughtful) - without understanding of the way things work - Eph 3:15
  - ... "foolish" (in+sensible) - unable to think through with discernment - Eph 3:17
  - ... "dissipation/ruinous" (dis+solve) - unable to heal, integrate, save - Eph 3:18

The Way: Be Filled with the Spirit - Eph 5:18

- A willingness to be "under the influence" of God's Spirit - Eph 3:19
  - ... continuous (daily)... plural (for all)... imperative (a decision) - Eph 5:18
- It all begins with believing and receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord - Jo 1:12; 3:16; Acts 1:5; 2:38; Jo 14:16-20
  - ... Recognize His fullness permanently dwells within us - Acts 19:1-6; Eph 1:13,14; Heb 13:5
  - ... Realize He wants to influence (fill) every aspect of our life - Ro 8:14; I Cor 2:12; I Jo 2:27
  - ... Renounce/repent of filling up on "externals/temporal" - I Jo 2:15-17; Jer 2:5; Jo 6:63
    - (any "intoxication" with \_\_\_\_\_)
  - ... Release by faith His fullness in and through me - Ro 12:1-2
- This is how we redeem ("make the most") of our time - Eph 5:16
  - ... see everything as His opportunity to teach us, bless others, bear witness to Christ, \_\_\_\_\_
  - ... you can tell someone is "under the influence"... by the way they "move" - Eph 5:19-6:24