

## FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

*EPHESIANS: Awake, O Sleeper - Ephesians 5:15-21 - Walking in Wisdom - 04.28.2024*

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?  
If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?
2. In verses 15-16, Paul says that we are to look carefully then how we walk, not as unwise, but as wise & make the most of our time.  
How else are we called to walk in specific ways (or no longer walk in other specific ways) in the book of Ephesians?  
How do those passages help us to better understand what walking in wisdom looks like, and how can we do this better?  
How does verse 16 relate to verse 15, and what does it look like practically to make the most of our time?  
I presented this question in the message: **"DO WE REDEEM OUR TIME IN LIGHT OF OUR REDEMPTION IN CHRIST?"**  
**Are there ways that you can better prioritize in order to more effectively make the most of your time?**  
*\*Another way to look at this, what should I start doing, keep doing, or stop doing to better maximize my time?*
3. As we look at verse 17, we are commanded not to be foolish, but to understand what the will of the Lord is.  
Where else do we get clarity in the Word of God about what His will is for us, and what does it say we are to do?  
How do the commands in verse 18 relate to the command in verse 17 (*consider the practices of false worship in Ephesus*)  
What role does the Holy Spirit play in our understanding of God's will for our lives?  
What does it mean to be filled with the Holy Spirit, and is it different from the regular indwelling of believers?
4. How does life in the Holy Spirit lead us to a place of thanksgiving in everything at all times & a willing submission to one another?  
When you consider your general attitude in life, is it one of grumbling & complaining or of gratitude & thanksgiving in Christ?  
Take time thanking the Lord for specific blessings He's provided (the hope of Christ, loving relationships, provision, etc.)  
How do the relationships within the Trinity (Father, Son, & Holy Spirit) lead us to be quick to submit to one another?  
What does this look like, practically speaking, in our lives? (How is the Lord calling you to submit to others in Christ)?
5. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the sermon. Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, & if so, how?  
**The days are evil & our time here is short!**  
*We must make the most of our time for Christ!*  
**Walking in wisdom means walking by the Spirit!**  
*The Holy Spirit reveals truth & equips us for life!*  
**Our eyes on Christ lead to humility & gratitude!**  
*For what He's done, it's the sensible response!*  
**The Holy Spirit provides joy the world never can!**  
*Pursue life in Him if you want fulfillment in life!*