

▶ *To be a light of God's love*

▶ *To reflect the Spirit of the joy of Christ*



Trouble Shooting

In verse 10 Paul writes, "and find out what pleases the Lord." In your own personal experience, what have you found that pleases the Lord?

▶ *How do you discern what the will of God is for your life?*

▶ *What do you suspect Paul really means when he instructs us to "speak to one another with psalm, hymn and spiritual songs?"*

▶ *How do you make music in your heart to the Lord?*

Paul tells his friends to ALWAYS AND IN EVERYTHING give thanks to the Lord.

**How well are you doing in the "always" part?*

**How about the "everything" part?*

Closing Prayer

Lord, I would like to think that I am fairly intelligent, yet so often I think and say things that are so foolish. Help me to be more careful in my speaking. Fill me with your wisdom. And may I in all things and in every situation give thanks, in the name of our Lord Jesus. Amen.

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*Ephesians 5:15-20
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Assembling

Living Wisely

Sit down and read from Ephesians 5:3-20 paying particular attention to the 6 power-packed verses 15-20.

What is the overall feeling you get after reading this section of the letter?

In this paragraph, Paul sounds a lot like a father counseling his kids. When you were growing up, what did your parents tell you to be careful about?

Do you think that Paul is being overly concerned or not?

Operating Instructions

▶ *What type of false teaching must have been going on for Paul to issue the warning of verses 5 and 6?*

Paul counsels his friends to live as children of the light and as people who are wise. From verses 9-18

▶ *What are we suppose to avoid and not to do as Christians?*

▶ *What are we suppose to include and make sure we do as imitators of Christ?*

Paul wants his friends to make sure that they make "the most out of every opportunity," (vs. 16). In the past 30 days, what opportunities have you made the most of:

▶ *Share your faith story with someone*

▶ *To serve in the name of Jesus*