

Ephesians 5:15-21. *Submission is Not a Dirty Word*. Since we are children of the light, dispelling darkness by truth, righteousness and goodness, we must be careful how we live. We are to live wisely, then, not as the unwise. We are to make the most of our opportunities to light with truth, righteousness & goodness because the days are dark with evil.

Therefore, don't be stupid — understand what the Lord's will and purpose is. Be filled with Holy Spirit, not with wine which if drunk with wine can lead to depravity [without being saved, wasteful, wantonness; as in the opposite of "waste;" ἀσωτία, 810].

Chat, talk, share with [λαλέω, 2980] each other — with psalms, and with hymns and praise songs. Sing. Make music in your heart to the Lord God. Always be giving thanks to the Father for all He has done for you and do so by the authority, in the name of, our Monarch, Jesus the Christ. Get along with each other by submitting to one another, out of respect and reverence for the Christ.

- Q What is particularly evil about "the days" which requires we be careful about how we live?
- Q What is the dumbest (as in "not wise") thing you've seen done to deal with "evil days?"
- Q Paul argues that foolishness is combated by "understanding the Lord's will." What is particularly wise about the Lord's purposes/will which combats foolishness? Examples, examples, examples.
- Q Why are we not to get drunk on wine? With Whom are we to be filled [πληροῦσθε; fulfilled, completed, 4137]?
- Q Why is singing to each other, talking to each other using psalms and hymns of praise useful to our spiritual maturity?
- Q What is spiritually wise about always giving thanks to Father God for everything? For what do you have the most difficult expressing gratitude to Him?
- Q How does submitting to one another relate to what Paul has written in verses 15-20?
- Q Why are we to submit to one another? Did the Christ submit to anyone? Did Holy Spirit submit to anyone? Did Father God submit to anyone? What creates the strength of mutual submission? Whose needs should be dominant in a relationship between believers?

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Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. ¹⁸ Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. ¹⁹ Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

²¹ Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

