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The Bridge Bible Fellowship

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Eph. 5:15 – 6:9

“Walk in Biblical Wisdom – Part 1”

- I. Greeting – 1:1-2
- II. God’s Eternal Plan for the Church Explained – 1:3 – 3:21
- III. God’s Eternal Plan for the Church Applied (4:1 – 6:22)
 - A. What – 4:1 – Walk Worthy!
 - B. How – 4:2-6:22
 - 1. Walk in Unity – 4:2-16
 - 2. Walk in Holiness (new life) – 4:17-24
 - 3. Walk in Love – 4:25-5:2
 - 4. Walk in Sexual Purity – 5:3-14
 - 5. Walk in Biblical Wisdom - 5:15-6:9**

So What?

Discussion & Application:

1. Share with one another the most significant changes you have made in the area of **sexual purity**. What are you doing to make sure there isn't even a "hint" of sexual immorality in your lifestyle?
2. What is the difference between a "**wise**" person and a "**foolish**" person in the Bible?
3. Read **Psalm 1**. What does the wise (righteous) person look to for guidance in daily decisions? What does the foolish (wicked) person look to for guidance in daily decisions? How can we avoid being influenced by foolish people?
4. What does Paul mean in Eph. 5:15 when he says, "**be careful**" how you walk? [ESV: "Look carefully"] What are the implications of that command? What do we need to be careful about? How do we practically apply it on a daily basis? What is the opposite of this?
5. How do we "**make the most of (redeem) our time**"? Read **Daniel 2:1-9** to see an illustration of men trying to "buy" (bargain for) time. In his book, "Spiritual Leadership," J. Oswald Sanders claimed that the average person with a full-time job has about **35 hours per week of FREE time** (after allotting time for sleep, getting ready, preparing & eating meals, driving, working, etc.). We often call this "leisure" or "free" time. What is Paul saying we should do with that time if we are going to truly walk in wisdom? What are some things you currently do with that time? What are some more eternally productive things you could be doing?
6. Why does Paul mention that the days are "**evil**"? Is that a popular thing to say in our present culture? Why don't post-modernists want to admit that some things are evil? How does the fact that we live in an evil world motivate us to walk carefully and make the most of every moment?
7. How do we understand what the will of the Lord is? What will is Paul referring to? Where do we find His will? What does His will have to do with us walking carefully?
8. What do the following passages say specifically about the Lord's will for our lives?
 - 1 Tim. 2:4
 - Rom. 12:1-2
 - 1 Thess. 4:3-8
 - 1 Thess. 5:18
 - 1 Pet. 2:13
 - 1 Pet. 3:17
9. Why does Paul contrast being drunk with wine with being filled with (by) the Spirit? How does the filling of the Spirit enable us to walk in wisdom?
10. On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 = fool; 10 = super wise), how would you rate your current walk (lifestyle; pattern of life)?
 - Morally
 - Use of time
 - Stewardship of money
 - Read, study, memorize, meditate upon, and apply the Word of God daily
 - Obedience to God's will
 - Under the control of the Spirit of God and the Word of God
 - Living for eternity