

Ephesians Study “Wise Living” Ephesians 5:8-20

1. Eph. 5:11-14

v. 11 **Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds** of darkness, but rather **expose** them.

“**have nothing to do with**” – do not fellowship with

“**fruitless**” – unfruitful, barren

“**deeds**” – works, business, employment

“**expose**” – reprove, convict, bring to light

v. 12 “shameful” – base, dishonourable

v. 13 But everything **exposed** by the **light becomes visible**.

“**expose**” – (as in v. 11) reprove, rebuke, convince, , by conviction to bring to the light, to expose John 3:20; John 8:9

to find fault with, correct, to call to account Matt. 18:15

“**light**” – anything emitting light, a heavenly light. Metaph.: God is light because light has the extremely delicate, subtle, pure, brilliant quality, of truth & its knowledge.

“**becomes visible**” – to make manifest or visible or known what has been hidden or unknown, to show Mark 4:22 John 2:11 Note: The function of light is to make visible.

v. 14 “for it is light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said: “**Wake up, O sleeper, rise** from the dead, and Christ will **shine** on you.”

“**wake up**” – arouse, cause to rise Mark 5:41 Matt. 26:32

“**sleeper**” – to sleep Euph. To be dead; metaph. To be indifferent to one’s salvation

“**rise**” – arise, to cause to raise up from laying down, to raise up from the dead Mk. 5:42 Luke 18:33

“**light**” – to shine upon, Christ will pour upon you the divine truth as the sun gives light to men aroused from sleep Mal. 4:2 Isaiah 60:1

2. Eph. 5:15-20

v. 15 “**Be very careful**, then, how you **live** – not as **unwise** but as **wise**.”

“**Be very careful**” = live circumspectly – exactly, accurately, diligently

“**live**” – Walk, make one’s way; regulate one’s life/conduct

“**unwise**” – foolish, unwise

“**wise**” – wise, skilled, expert, cultivated, learned, forming the best plans and using the best means for their execution.

v. 16 “**Making the most of every opportunity** for the days are **evil**. “

“**Making the most of every opportunity**” = to redeem, to buy up for oneself, for one’s use; to make wise and sacred use of every opportunity for doing good. Col. 4:5

“**evil**” – full of labours, annoyances, hardships; bringing toils, annoyances, perils, a time full of peril to Christian faith and steadfastness – causing pain and trouble. John 3:19 Matt. 6:13

v. 17 “Therefore do not be **foolish**, but **understand** what the Lord’s **will** is. “**foolish**” – unwise, without reason, senseless, foolish, stupid; without reflection or intelligence, acting rashly. Luke 12:20
“**understand**” – to set or join together in the mind, the man of understanding. Idiom: for good upright person who has knowledge of things pertaining to salvation. Mt. 13:23, 51; 15:10
“**will**” – purpose of God, what God wishes to be done by us, commands, precepts Mt. 12:50

v. 18 “**drunk**” = intoxicated
“**debauchery**” – excess, abandoned, dissolute life; profligacy 1 Pet. 4:4
“**be filled**” – make full, fill up, fill to the full, abound

v. 19 Speak to one another with **psalms**, **hymns** and **spiritual** songs. **Sing** and **make music** in your heart to the Lord,
“**psalms**” – song, psalm Luke 24:44
“**hymns**” – a song in praise of God, sacred song Col. 3:16
“**spiritual**” = relating to human spirit, as the part of man which is akin to God; of God the Holy Spirit.
“**sing**” – to the praise of anyone
“**make music/making melody**” – pluck an instrument, play on stringed instrument, sing a hymn, celebrate praises of God in song Rom. 15:9

v. 20 “**always giving thanks** to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”
“**always**” – at all times, ever
“**giving thanks**” – Gk. ‘eucharistio’ – to be grateful, feel thankful, give thanks Mark 4:23