Message Outline



Understand the Lord's Will

Ephesians 5:15-18

I. Introduction

II. Understand the Lord's Will

Ephesians 5:15-16 (CSB)

15 Pay careful attention, then, to how you walk - not as unwise people but as wise - 16 making the most of the time, because the days are evil.

1. Goodness … Generosity. Sacrificially do things for others. Sacrificial love.
2. Righteousness … Honoring God's standards. To resist immorality & greed.
3. Truth … Speaking honestly & truthfully. To resist lying and deceit.

Ephesians 5:17 (CSB)

17 So don’t be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is.

Ephesians 5:18 (CSB)

18 And don’t get drunk with wine, which leads to reckless living, but be filled by the Spirit.

“Don’t continue drinking only water, but use a little wine because of your stomach and your frequent illnesses.” (1Timothy 5:23, CSB)

“I have filled him with God’s Spirit, with wisdom, understanding, and ability in every craft.” (Exodus 31:3, CSB)

“Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied.” (Luke 1:67, CSB)

“Then they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them.” (Acts 2:4, CSB)

“Then Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit and said to them, ‘Rulers of the people and elders …’” (Acts 4:8, CSB)

“This proposal pleased the whole company. So they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 6:5a, CSB)

“For he (Barnabas) was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith.” (Acts 11:24a, CSB)

“And the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 13:52, CSB)

“What wholly takes possession of the mind is said to fill it.” (Thayer’s Greek Lexicon)

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