

Questions for Reflection and Discussion
Ephesians 5:15-21
Wise Up

Getting Started

What is one of the wisest sayings you've ever heard?

Digging In

1. **Read Eph 5:15-21.** Jot down your first impressions.



2. What does it mean to be careful how we live? (vss. 15-16)

3. What do you think it means to *make the most of every opportunity*? (Cf. Colossians 4:5-6)

4. How can we *understand what the Lord's will is*? (vs. 17)

5. Why are we not to *get drunk on wine*? (vs. 18)

6. Based on the parallel with being drunk on wine, what do you think it means to *be filled with the Spirit*?

7. What are some other ways in which we can live *under the influence* of something or someone besides the Holy Spirit?

8. When we do live under the influence of the Holy Spirit, what will be some of the results? (vss. 19-21)

9. How do verses 19-21 relate to Eph 4:29 and 5:4?

10. **Read Colossians 3:15-16** . How is being filled with the Spirit similar to being filled with God's word?

Getting Personal

- What steps are you taking to learn to live wisely?
- In what ways are you *under the influence* of something or someone other than the Holy Spirit?
- What would change in your life if you were more completely living under the control of the Holy Spirit?
- How can joyful praise and thankfulness become a more regular part of your character and your conversations?
- In your own life, what would it look like to obey God's command in v. 21 – to *submit to one another out of reverence for Christ*?