

Digging Deeper: Ephesians 5:7–21

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Ephesians 5:7–21 (ESV)

⁷Therefore do not become partners with them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

¹⁵Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Day 1

This week we will look into growing mature and walking wisely. Today, read the entire passages above: Ephesians 5:7–21 and spend some time praying through these scriptures and meditating on them. Ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate these passages to your mind and heart today.

Day 2

Today, read Ephesians 5:7. There is a LOT in this passage. Look back into your past life before Christ. Note carefully how we were in darkness and headed for judgement. Now consider the grace of God who brought us from death to life. Come to the cross today and worship!

Day 3

Today, let's consider the word *light*. Do a word search in the New Testament on *light*. Read through the many passages. Make observations on how and when light is used. Today, take time praying about what this light means to you!

Day 4

Today, let's consider the word *darkness*. Do a word search in the New Testament on

darkness. Read through the many passages. Make observations on how and when darkness is used. Today, take time praying what this darkness was and now what the light means to you.

Day 5

Read Ephesians 5:15. Consider what does walking wisely vs. unwisely mean. Compare Psalm 1. Also, consider the use of our time since this world is under judgement and passing away. How are the implications of how we walk and how we spend our limited time?

Day 6

Consider today Ephesians 5:16–21. There is so much here, but at the core is being controlled by the Spirit of God. Consider these verses with Colossians 3:16. What are the connections with filling our mind with the Word of Christ and being filled with the Spirit? What applications can you make today?