**Spirit Filled Living**

**Ephesians 5:15-21**

**Sermon Outline**

**A. Be Careful How We Walk/Walk the Walk/Walk Wisely (vs. 15-17):**

1. Therefore reminds us we have committed to imitate God and walk in the light.
2. We are commanded to continuously evaluate our decisions so that we accurately implement the Word of God. To implement God’s Word with proper guidance and foreknowledge.
3. Our lifestyle should demonstrate a continuous desire to please God (Colossians 1:9-11). This leads to a righteous lifestyle.
4. Because things around us are continuously evil we must be constructive with our time each day especially since our time is given to us by God (Ecclesiastes 3:2).
5. Whatever time was lost work continuously to get that time back.
6. We can die before our allotted time (1 Corinthians 11:30; Ephesians 6:3; 1 John 5:17) so we need to take the time provided seriously.
7. Satan is the author of all evil in the world.
8. To do evil is to maliciously create injury and distress. Satan seeks to maliciously create injury and distress.
9. We are commanded to not continuously create a lifestyle that rejects the Word of God.
10. Do not live recklessly meaning without consideration for how God thinks and cares to influence our lives.
11. Present, active, imperative, 2nd person, plural, finite verb – We are commanded to continuously seek insight into how God’s Word relates to the issues we are experiencing.
12. Present, active, imperative, 2nd person, plural, finite verb – We must seek to have an insightful understanding what pleases God and brings Him glory.
13. Seeking to please God and walk in His ways demonstrates respect for His authority and His desire to establish a sincere relationship with me.

**B. Live Under the Influence (vs. 18-19):**

1. Nothing should impair our relationship with God especially since time is precious.
2. When a believer behaves in this manner it is viewed as riotous living because it shows a lack of concern for the consequences of their actions.
3. Paul commands us to continuously walk in manner that pleases God so that we are completely filled with the Spirit. We become fully equipped to live our lives each day (3:14-19; 6:12-17).
4. The Spirit of God totally influences us to do whatever God commands us to do.
5. **Present, active, plural, nominative, masculine, simultaneous participle, 2nd person** – When empowered by the Spirit we must continuously say something that is meaningful. We must do this in the following manner:

   a) Use the Psalms of the OT.
   b) Used stringed instruments to sing sacred songs with musical accompaniment.
c) Hymns are songs of praise to God telling forth His greatness.

d) Songs that praise God for the actions He has taken. Gives thanks for all God has done.

6. This kind of worship is continuous.
7. Using instruments to (mostly stringed instruments) accompany the singing upon God.
8. The songs comes from the place where Christ dwells (3:17).
9. The songs resonates how Christ has impacted the hidden springs of a believer’s life so that emotions and affection for God is sincerely expressed in song.
10. The heart of worship is a response to God Lordship in the believer’s life.

C. Live an Empowered Christian Life (vs. 20-21):

1. A growing and maturing believer ends up expressing gratitude to God for all the benefits and blessings He has provided to them.
2. A believer continuously manifesting their sense of indebtedness to God with complete devotion to Him.
3. Giving gratitude to God highlights His wonderful nature, character, power, authority and His magnificent attributes. We no longer worship from ourselves to God. Because we worship in Christ name we represent Him to God.
5. Relationships empowered by the Spirit are blessed:

   a) **Present, passive, plural, nominative, masculine, participle with imperative force, 2nd person** – We are commanded to continuously to put themselves under someone in reverent fear of Christ.
   
   b) We must live with reverence respect for Christ with a complete desire to please Him in how we relate to one another.