

WINE AND WISDOM

Ephesians 5:15-20

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Ephesians 5:15-16

Raw intelligence is “knowing that”;
wisdom is “knowing how.”

WISDOM: Doing the right thing in the right time
in the right way.

Wisdom is practical theology for living a day-to-day godly life in a complicated world.

Command: Thou shall not steal.

Command: Don't get drunk.

1. Understanding the command
2. Contemplating the command
3. Seeing where it points

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DON'T

Be unwise

Be foolish

Be drunk

DO

Be wise (make the most)

Discern God's will

Be filled with the Spirit

“The Holy Spirit is God’s Empowering Presence.”

Gordon Fee

Being filled with the Spirit means that the Holy Spirit is the controlling influence motivating and directing our lives.

The world drinks to forget;
Christians drink to remember.

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

Philippians 3:12