

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT The Dog Days of Summer Ephesians 5:15-21

UNDERSTANDING IN CONTEXT:

- PAUL IS TALKING ABOUT HOW CHRISTIANS ______.
- TO BE VERY CAREFUL, IS TO ALWAYS ______, KEEPING YOUR EYES ON GOD.
- TIME IS SHORT, BE ______ BY THE WILL OF GOD.
- DON'T LIVE AS THOUGH GOD ISN'T ______ IN YOUR DECISIONS.

BREAKING IT DOWN:

- SPIRIT FILLED PEOPLE HAVE UNBELIEVABLE ______ AND UNSPEAKABLE
- The Holy Spirit Helps US ______ WITH LIFE BY DEALING WITH THE TRUTH.
- The Holy Spirit gives us a humble ______ and _____ Joy.
- The defining characteristic of the Christian life must be the spirit of God ______ and

_____YOUR LIFE.



We can only be filled with the Spirit by being thankful for His ______ and allowing the Spirit to ______ .

Questions for Further Reflection

- 1. Read Ephesians 5:15-21. What stands out to you as you read these texts? Anything about these verses that takes you by surprise?
- 2. What does Paul mean by "living wisely" according to Ephesians 5:15-16, and how can we apply this concept to our daily lives? Consider the practical ways wisdom can be integrated into decision-making and

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- 3. How can a believer ensure that their time and energy are used in alignment with God's will, as opposed to being overtaken by evil influences?
- 4. What are some examples of how a heightened awareness of the Spirit's presence can lead to greater joy and courage in the face of life's challenges?
- 5. Reflecting on the idea that our lives are shaped by what we are controlled by, how can we identify and address areas where we might be "drunk" on other influences, and redirect our focus to being controlled by the Spirit?