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- Poor choices & profound consequences (e.g., bitterness, promiscuity) (party)
- In the next section of Ephesians, Paul wants us to know that living out who we are in Christ is wise living & can lead to our best possible life. Our identity in Christ needs to motivate our choices in life.

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- 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

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- Ephesians 5:15-20, "Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."
- We need to live wisely. This is part of living out our calling, our new identity. We have been given so much, we must live it out.

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- Jesus is our example. He only did what the Father told him to do, only went where the Father told him to go, only said what the Father told him to say. He made the most of every opportunity. He had an intentional kingdom focus.

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- We need to understand what the Lord's will is in every situation. Secret to wise living: Find what God wants, and do it.
- How? (God centered life, attentive to God)
(Word – e.g., relationships, last weekend, Martin) (Spirit - prompting)

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- Drunk with wine versus Spirit filled (under the influence; HS weekend – filled, not to feel better. Wise living, make the most of every opportunity) (Gram & Pop)
- How do we live in the current fullness of the Spirit?

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- Pursue God for intimacy, and walk in step with the Spirit. ("Speaking to one another with psalms, hymns & songs from the Spirit. Sing & make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks...") (spiritual activities to draw near, access the presence)
(disobedience quenches the Spirit – unwholesome talk, ignoring prompting)

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- **Second, if we are going to live wisely, we must live in the current fullness of the Spirit.** Eph 5:18f
- Ask for more of God's Spirit. Continually cultivate a hunger & thirst for more of God's presence in our life. There is always more. (Luke 11:13; Eph 3:14f) Ever grateful; never satisfied; relentlessly pursuing God for more; never taking offense. (Private pursuit, laying on of hands)



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