

## EPHESIANS

### Lesson 8 - Chapter 5:15-33

So far in Ephesians 5 we have been instructed to *imitate God* as we *walk in love* and *walk in light*. This week we continue with a third, to *walk in wisdom*. Paul then expands his instruction to submission and how to walk worthy in marriage, using Christ as the example to follow. As you look closer into His word, notice that He has offered Himself as an example of all He asks of you, then He provides all you need to *walk worthy*.

Pray for the Lord to work in you the truths He is presenting in His word this week, guiding you and equipping you to *walk worthy*.

#### Key Word(s)

Read through the entire chapter, looking for words or themes that are repeated. Make note of those words and their significance here.

**Memory Verse** – This week’s memory verse is Ephesians 5:15-16.

*“See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise,  
redeeming the time, because the days are evil.”*

#### Read Ephesians 5:15-17.

1. Ephesians 5:15 begins with the words, “*See then that you walk circumspectly...*”

a. Use a definition to explain what it means to *walk circumspectly*?

b. How does the rest of the verse add to the description of what it means?

c. How is it different to walk circumspectly in the Lord than it is to walk circumspectly in the world?

2. The same thought is continued in Ephesians 5:16.

a. What do the first three words say to do as you walk circumspectly?

b. Why?

c. What does this mean to you?

3. What do the following add to your understanding of *redeeming the time*?

a. Romans 13:11

b. Galatians 6:10

c. Colossians 4:5

4. The Book of James talks about wisdom. Read James 3:14-16 and write a description of worldly wisdom below.

5. In contrast, describe the wisdom of God from James 3:17.

6. There is a lot about wisdom and foolishness to be found throughout God's Word. It is a good word study to do on your own. Below are few scriptures to give you a start. What do you find in each one about wisdom or foolishness?

a. Foolishness

1. Proverbs 14:1

2. Proverbs 19:3

b. Wisdom

1. Proverbs 8:11

2. Proverbs 9:10

3. Proverbs 24:13-14

7. Whenever we discuss wisdom, it is important to go to James 1:5 to see how we get it. What does it tell you about wisdom?

**Read Ephesians 5:17-20.**

1. Ephesians 5:17 gives us a contrast.

a. Complete this verse below.

*Therefore do not be unwise, **but** \_\_\_\_\_*

b. How does Psalm 111:10 include God's will with wisdom?

2. We find another contrast in Ephesians 5:18.

a. Complete the verse below.

*And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; **but** \_\_\_\_\_*

b. Define dissipation.

3. "...*but be filled with the Spirit.*" What do the following scriptures say about the filling of the Holy Spirit?

a. Luke 11:13

b. Acts 1:8

4. Write what you find about the Holy Spirit in the verses below.

a. John 14:16-17

b. John 14:26

c. Romans 14:17

5. According to Ephesians 5:19-20, in what ways is the filling of the Holy Spirit manifested, or demonstrated, in the believer?

a. To others –

b. To God -

**Read Ephesians 5:21-33.**

During Paul's time in history, Greek and Roman influences had distorted God's order in the home. Fathers, then husbands, had total control over women. In our day, the women's lib movement influenced the home in the opposite direction, with women taking the authority in the marriage. This also distorted God's order in the home. In this section of Ephesians Paul explains God's plan for order in marriage, and we will also see God's plan for submission to the authority He has established in every area of life as we look to *walk worthy*.

1. A key verse to understand before going on with this section is Ephesians 5:21.

a. Write this verse below.

b. What does this mean to you?

c. How does Philippians 2:3-4 apply to this?

2. Now look at the verses from Ephesians 5 in the following chart and list the attitudes that Paul taught husbands and wives to have toward one another.

Wives	Husbands
Verse 21	Verse 21
Verse 22	Verse 25-27
Verse 23 <i>For (because)...</i>	Verse 28-29
Verse 24	
Verse 33	Verse 33

3. How does Ephesians 5:33 summarize this teaching on marriage?

4. In Ephesians 5:22-33, notice how many times Paul compares the relationship between Christ and the church to the marriage relationship. Note the verse numbers where you find these references below.

5. The union God has for marriage has been compared with the profound mystery of the union between Christ and His church. Think about this and describe how our relationship in marriage should reflect the relationship between Christ and the church.

**In closing...**

1. There are many ways to *redeem the time*. Those who redeem the time make the most of the time and the opportunities given to them. What are some practical examples of redeeming the time?

2. The mutual submission of husbands and wives is found in other places in the scripture. Read the two references below, then write the principles and how they would be seen practically in a marriage.

a. 1 Corinthians 7:3-4

b. 1 Peter 3:1-9

***Memory Verse***

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