

# **WALKING ACCURATELY**

## **Ephesians 5:15-21**

**God calls us to walk accurately as an indication of our devotion to Him and gives us directions for doing so.**

### **I. EXAMINE YOUR WAYS** (15-17)

- Where are you?

#### **A. THE COMMAND** (15a)

1. A Warning: Be careful how you walk
2. Some Implications
  - a. Dangers may be lurking
  - b. The right way may not always be immediately obvious or easy – See Matt. 7:13-14
  - c. Carelessness must be common

#### **B. SOME QUESTIONS** (15b-17)

1. Do you have good insights? (15b)
  - Are you wise or unwise?
2. Do you use your time well? (16)
  - a. Redeeming time
    - Seeing all time as a non-renewable resource to be used and not frittered away
  - b. Understanding temptations
3. Do you know what you're doing? (17)
  - a. God's expectation: Understand His will
    - Are you where you are supposed to be and doing what you're supposed to be doing?
  - b. God's exhortation: Do not be foolish
    - The fool flounders and wanders aimlessly

### **II. CONSIDER WHAT INFLUENCES YOU** (18-21)

- How did you get where you are?

#### **A. THE IMPERATIVE FOR SPIRIT-FILLING** (18)

1. Not Drunk!
  - Not intoxicated or reckless
2. But Under the Influence!
  - a. Dominated by the Spirit
  - b. Defined by what's inside

## B. SOME INDICATIONS OF SPIRIT-FILLING (19-21)

1. Making Music (19)
  - Participating in congregational singing
2. Giving Thanks (20)
  - Continuous, unconditional and committed thanks
3. Being Subordinate (21)
  - a. The Conduct
    - Humiliation ... Consideration ... Cooperation
  - b. The Motivation
    - As a reverent act of worship to the Lord

## **CONCLUSION:**

### **Where are you right now?**

- Examine your ways

### **How did you get there?**

- Consider what influences you

### **Is your life on target?**

- Are you directed by God or distracted by sin?