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“THE SAINT’S CONDUCT”

Ephesians 5:15-21

THESIS: The wise, good and better use of the time granted by God to His saints is the seizing of every opportunity to spread the Light of God in the midst of loose living and lawlessness, “because the days are evil.”

I Uncompromising Conduct

In chapter 5:15, we learn the follower of Christ is to behave throughout life in a careful and uncompromising way. Day by day life should be disciplined, true and a strong example of harmony with God, the Heavenly Father. We are required to watch our steps and have them ordered in the Lord (Ps. 37:23).

II Time & Opportunity

Don’t be foolish and allow time to slip away. Be not ignorant, ill-advised and imprudent. An opportunity missed may not come again. “Redeeming the time” (v. 16) refers to making the most of every opportunity, turning each opportunity to the best advantage since none (no opportunity/time) can be recalled if missed. Moreover, it is unwise not to understand the Will of God. Pursue knowing the Will Of God. In this search to know God’s Will, be sure to get an understanding (Prov. 3:13; 3:5; 4:5-7). Know and understand what the Will of God is (Rev. 1:3; John 8:30-32). Too many have knowledge, but with no understanding. Of what good/value is it to know someone, or something and you do not understand them, or whatever it is you have knowledge of?

III Be Filled With The Spirit of God

In first part of v. 18, it is taught to reject drunkenness, “wherein is excess”. Drunkenness means to be intoxicated with strong drink or drugs (Prov. 20:1; Lk. 21:34; Rom.13:13). The word “excess” refers to excessive behavior: the meaning includes uncontrollable conduct, the wasting away of the body, rioting, and a wild and outrageous lifestyle.

In the balance of v. 18-21, the teaching centers on being filled with the Holy Spirit, which will result in the following:

- A. A Singing Spirit**

- B. A Thankful Spirit**

- C. A Submissive & Respectful Spirit**