

**Application**

4. How do we turn "making the most of every opportunity" into living for the future, rather than just enjoying today? Share examples from your life of how you have worked to make your life count.

5. Why do you think Paul singles out thankfulness as evidence that we are filled with the Spirit? Share with your group the things in your life that you are most thankful for.

**WISE UP – Be Careful How You Live!**

**Ephesians 5:15-20**

We cannot expect to have the Holy Spirit's fullness in our lives if we are quite content to live without it. Our Father is not likely to entrust this priceless gift to those who are indifferent to its possession. We must, therefore, stir up the gift that is within us by a quiet consideration of all that is meant by becoming Spirit-filled.

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**Don't live like a fool (Ephesians 5:15)**

(Psalm 14:1-3)

The fool says (or lives like) "\_\_\_\_\_."

Open hands living means \_\_\_\_\_.

**Inattentive living versus carpe diem – proactive vs. reactive**

**(Ephesians 5:16)** (Galatians 6:10; Ephesians 2:10; James 1:5)

Seizing the day sees each day \_\_\_\_\_.

The principle of the thoughtful moment

**Foolish, thoughtless living vs. God-directed living (Eph. 5:17)**

Understanding God's will is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Improperly controlled versus Spirit-controlled living (5:18-19)**

(Romans 1:32; Titus 3:3; Ephesians 2:2; Galatians 5:16-17)

Spirit filled living is

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- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
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**Thankful vs. self-sufficient (Ephesians 5:20)**

**Getting to Know You**

1. When you were young, what did you want to be when you grew up?

**Into the Bible**

2. Ephesians 5:18-19 gives a contrast between being drunk with wine and being filled with the Spirit. How are they similar? How are they different?
  
3. Galatians 5 contrasts living in the flesh with the work that the Holy Spirit wants to do in our lives. What is the evidence for his work? Is it good enough that I think he is working or do I need to seek confirmation from other believers?