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A Call to Sensibility

Ephesians 5:15-21

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15 Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,
16 making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.
17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of
the Lord is. 18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is
debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, 19 addressing one
another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and
making melody to the Lord with your heart, 20 giving thanks
always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our
Lord Jesus Christ, 21 submitting to one another out of reverence
for Christ. —Ephesians 5:15-21

Sensible Spirituality Means…

1. Redeeming the _____

"Until we appreciate the value of time and learn to manage it with skill, we can never manage ourselves. But in learning to regulate time, we learn to govern life, for life is measured in hours and minutes just as the body is measured in pounds and ounces. Management of time is our greatest stewardship, even greater than the stewardship of our money. Time is like currency of a different realm; it's the coinage of life."
—Robert Morgan

"Believers must be sensitive to the opportunities and circumstances which life affords for manifesting Christian virtues 'because the days are evil.' Evil does not mean difficult or troublesome, but morally corrupt. In a world at enmity with God, every Christian needs to grasp the opportunities which are available to do good. The darker the night, the more important the light. Implicit in the statement may be the prospect of impending persecution on a much greater scale, and thus the need to seize every remaining chance before opportunity is gone." —Dr. Homer Kent

2. Understanding the _____

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. —Isaiah 40:8

"The will of God is evident and expressed in the word of God."

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3. Being Filled with the _____

"We can indeed agree that in both drunkenness and the fullness of the Spirit, two strong influences are at work within us—alcohol in the bloodstream and the Holy Spirit in our hearts. But, whereas excessive alcohol leads to unrestrained and irrational license, transforming the drunkard into an animal, the fullness of the Spirit leads to restrained and rational moral behavior, transforming the Christian into the image of Christ. Thus, the results of being under the influence of spirits on the one hand and of the Holy Spirit on the other are utterly different. One makes us like beasts, the other like Christ."
—John R.W. Stott

[22]But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, [23]gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. [24]And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. [25]If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. —Galatians 5:22-25

Spirit-filled Living Means…

1. A Joyful _____

2. A Thankful _____

3. A Humble _____

Only by pride comes contention but with the well advised is wisdom. —Proverbs 13:10

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