

LUI: LIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

Ephesians 5:15-21

“YOU Drive!”

LIVING THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE

Ephesians 5:15 Be very careful, then, how you live--not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

Ephesians 5:17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. ¹⁸ Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. **Instead, be filled with the Spirit.**

- It's just wise to be filled with the HS
- It's foolish to NOT live this way
- Spirit-filled living will enable us to make the most of every opportunity that comes our way
- This Spirit-directed lifestyle will become ever more important as the days become more and more evil
- It is actually God's will for each and every one of His People to Live Under the Influence of The Holy Spirit

1. The Comparison With Getting Drunk

- Both begin with a choice
- Both involve drinking something in: _____
- Both involve drinking in a lot
- Both involve turning over control
- Both result in atypical behavior
- Both are addictive

2. The Contrast With Getting Drunk

- No disgusting hangovers, vomiting, or hugging toilets
- No destruction of brain cells
- No DUI's or alcohol-related accidents
- No “debauchery”

3. The Choice To Be Filled With The Spirit - “do not get drunk on wine, but be filled with the Spirit”

- It's a **CONSCIOUS** Choice
- It's a **COMMANDED** Choice - “be filled”
- It's a **CONTINUOUS** Choice - “be [continuously] filled”
- It's a **CONTROLLING** Choice - “be filled with/by the Spirit”
- It's a **CONSEQUENTIAL** Choice

FOUR ‘BREATHALYZER’ TESTS

TO REVEAL YOUR LEVEL OF SPIRITUAL INTOXICATION

Ephesians 5:19 Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

#1 SPIRITUALLY UPLIFTING CONVERSATION

...speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs

#2 A SONG IN YOUR HEART

...singing and making music in your heart to the Lord

#3 SAYING THANKS ALWAYS

...always giving thanks to God the Father for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

#4 A SUBMISSIVE SPIRIT

...submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ

MY PRAYER:

“Holy Spirit, You drive today. You be The Driver. I'll sit in the back seat and gladly let You take me wherever You want me to go. I want to live that adventure. So You Drive. If I'm charged with anything today I hope it will be LUI: Living Under the Influence of the Holy Spirit.”

