

**RECOGNIZING THE
SPIRIT-FILLED**

EPHESIANS 5:15-21

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15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,

16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

A Christian ...

- A. Has God's wisdom (v 15)**
- B. Doesn't waste time (v 16)**
- C. Does God's will (v 17)**
- D. Is filled with the Spirit (v 18)**
- E. Has a spiritual outlook (v 19)**
- F. Is thankful (v 20)**
- G. Respects others and God (v 21)**

How Do We Measure Up?

I. They Worship In The Spirit

John 4:24

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

A. God-made worship not man-made

1 Corinthians 2:4

And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:

B. Focused on God with the witness of the Holy Spirit

John 4:22

Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.

II. They Work Together In Unity

Acts 2:46

And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

A. Spirit-filled Christians are in harmony

Nehemiah 4:6

So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work.

B. Christians work together in unity when they love God and one another

Ephesians 4:3

Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

III. They Are Willing To Forgive Others

Colossians 3:13

Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

A. Spirit-filled Christians make mistakes and blunders

Ephesians 4:32

And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

III. They Are Willing To Forgive Others

B. Forgiveness lifts burdens, brings joy and peace

Matthew 6:14-15

14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:

15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

IV. They Walk In Divine Love

Ephesians 5:2

And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

A. God's love is implanted in the heart by God Himself
John 17:213

I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

IV. They Walk In Divine Love

B. Surrendered Christians are cleansed

Colossians 3:8-10

8 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;

10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

2 Timothy 2:21

If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

V. They Witness to The Lost

Acts 1:8

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

A. Spirit-filled Christians welcome opportunities to share Christ

Romans 5:5

And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

V. They Witness to The Lost

B. They believe they are indebted to give the gospel

Romans 1:14-15

14 I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise.

15 So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also.

1 Corinthians 9:16

For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!

**HOW SPIRIT-FILLED
ARE YOU?**