

**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?**