The Believer's Walk: 5:15-21

<u>The Lesson Aim</u>: To set a dynamic example in which we as Christians should walk.

1. <u>The Believer Walks by Watching Every Step</u>: (Eph 5:15)

2. <u>The Believer Walks by Redeeming the Time</u>:

(Eph 5:16) Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.
(2 Cor 10:5) Every thought to the obedience of Christ.
(Ps 90:12) Teach us to number our days
A tithe is 10%, does the Lord get 2hours and 24 minutes?

3. <u>The Believer Walks by Understanding the Lord's</u> <u>Will</u>: (Eph 5:17)

How can a person know what the will of the Lord is?

<u>The Word of God</u> – Objective Standard: (Jn 8:31-32) <u>The Holy Spirit</u> - Subjective Witness: (Ps 143:10) <u>Circumstances</u> - Divine providence

4. The Believer Walks By Rejecting Beverage Alcohol:

(Eph 5:18) And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess;

Drunkenness brings on other sins: (Luke 15:13) Drunkenness excludes from God's Kingdom use:(1Cor 6:10) Drunkenness thwarts our understanding of God's Will: (Eph 5:16-17)

5. <u>The Believer's Walk by being filled with the Spirit:</u> (Eph 5:18) *but be filled with the Spirit;*

Eph 5:1-4 These verses set the boundaries of our behavior.

We are not even to speak of such filth! (Jer 6:15)

Don't joke about it; don't be crude in our speech. (Eph 5:12) For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.

6. <u>The Believer's walk by Singing and Making Melody in</u> your Heart to the Lord! (Eph 5:19)

Psalms! God included 150 of them for us **Hymns!** Songs that praise God for His Character

7. The Believer's Walk by Giving Thanks: (Eph 5:20)

- **For A Loving Father:**(1 Jn 4:10) (Jn 16:27)
 - A. We Experience God's Love: (Jn 3:16)
 - **B.** We Experience God's Mercy: (Titus 3:5) (Jn 3:17a) (Rom 3:10) (Rom 5:12) (Rom 6:23)
 - C. We Experience God's Grace: (Jn 3:17b)

For A Living Saviour:

- A. He Lives for Us: (Rom 6:9-10)
- **B. He Lives to Intercede for Us:** (Heb 7:25)(Rom 8:34)
- **C. He Lives to Give Strength to Us:** (Phil 4:13)
- D. He Lives & Will Come Again For Us: (Jn 14:3)

For Life Abundant: (Jn 10:10)

Give Testimony to others how God Answered: (Ps 26:7) Write down all His Blessings & give Him Praise: (Ps 107:2)

For Life Eternal: (Jn 3:15)

- A. God Loves Us: Incredible thought.
- **B. God Sent His Son to Die for Us:** (Rom 5:6-8)
- C. God created a Home in Heaven for Us: (Jn 14:2-3)