

# The First Step Toward Christlike Living in the Home

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## Introduction

*Write down 3 areas where God is honored in your life.*

*Write down 3 areas where God is not honored in your life and desires to change you.*

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## Introduction

- Life is a walk...
- Paul commands the believer to walk in unity (Eph 4), walk in love (5:1-7), walk in light (5:8-14), and walk in wisdom (5:15-6:9).

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**Walk in Wisdom**

**Ephesians 5:15-6:9**

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**Walk in Wisdom**  
**(Ephesians 5:15-6:9)**

**There is an admonition (5:15-21)**  
**and then its application (5:22-6:9).**

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**5:15**

**The Admonition –**  
**Be CAREFUL how you live**

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5:15

**The Admonition –**  
**Be CAREFUL how you live**

⊗ Pay attention - LOOK

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5:15

**The Admonition –**  
**Be CAREFUL how you live**

⊗ Pay attention - LOOK  
 ⊗ Walking or LIVING carefully

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5:15

**The Admonition –**  
**Be CAREFUL how you live**

⊗ Pay attention - LOOK  
 ⊗ Walking or LIVING carefully  
 ⊗ The goal then is to EXAMINE every step.

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5:15

**The Admonition –  
Be CAREFUL how you live**

**Contrasts** – These contrasts help us understand how we are to live carefully or how to walk in wisdom.

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5:15

**Not as FOOLS but as WISE**

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5:15

**Not as FOOLS but as WISE**

🎲 Fools

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**5:15**

**Not as FOOLS but as Wise**

- ⊗ Fools
- ⊗ Wise – True iNSiGHT into known facts.

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**5:15-16**

**Not as FOOLS but as Wise**

- ⊗ Fools
- ⊗ Wise – True iNSiGHT into known facts

**Take ADVANTAGE of every opportunity**

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**5:15-16**

**Not as FOOLS but as Wise**

- ⊗ Fools
- ⊗ Wise – True iNSiGHT into known facts

**Take ADVANTAGE of every opportunity**

- ⊗ As one who walks through life, the goal is to SEiZE the moment as a wise person.

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5:15-16

Not as FOOLS but as WISE

- ⊗ Fools
- ⊗ Wise – True INSIGHT into known facts
- Take ADVANTAGE of every opportunity
- ⊗ As one who walks through life, the goal is to SEIZE the moment as a wise person.
- ⊗ This is ESSENTIAL because the days are evil.

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5:17

Not as UNWISE  
but UNDESTANDING  
the will of the Lord

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5:17

Not as UNWISE  
but UNDESTANDING  
the will of the Lord

- ⊗ Do not BECOME unwise

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5:17

**Not as UNWISE  
but UNDESTANDING  
the will of the Lord**

- ⊗ Do not BECOME unwise
- ⊗ Understand the Will of the Lord

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5:18

**Not DRUNK with wine  
but BE FILLED with the Spirit**

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5:18

**Not DRUNK with wine  
but BE FILLED with the Spirit**

- ⊗ Understanding “drunk with wine”

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**Not DRUNK with wine  
but BE FILLED with the Spirit**

- ⊗ Understanding “drunk with wine”
- ⊗ Related to DRINKING in general

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- ⊗ Understanding “drunk with wine”
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- ⊗ Wherein is “EXCESS”

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**Not DRUNK with wine  
but BE FILLED with the Spirit**

- ⊗ Understanding “drunk with wine”
- ⊗ Related to DRINKING in general
- ⊗ Wherein is “EXCESS”
- ⊗ This emphasizes a LACK of SELF-CONTROL.

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**5:18**

**Not DRUNK with wine  
but BE FILLED with the Spirit**

⊗ Understanding being “filled with the Spirit”

⊗ The believer is COMMANDED to be filled with the Spirit, which is DIFFERENT than being indwelt or sealed.

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**5:18**

**Not DRUNK with wine  
but BE FILLED with the Spirit**

⊗ Understanding being “filled with the Spirit”

⊗ The CONTENT of being filled – Colossians 3:16

“Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all things.”

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**5:18**

**Not DRUNK with wine  
but BE FILLED with the Spirit**

⊗ Understanding being “filled with the Spirit”

⊗ To be filled with the Spirit then means that believers have a GOD-CONSCIOUSNESS no matter WHERE they are or WHAT they are doing.

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**5:19-21**

**Consequences of being filled  
by the Spirit**

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**5:19**

**Consequences of being filled  
by the Spirit**

SPEAKING to one another  
with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs

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**5:19**

**Consequences of being filled  
by the Spirit**

SPEAKING to one another  
with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs  
SINGING and MAKING melody  
to the Lord

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**5:19**

**Consequences of being filled  
by the Spirit**

SPEAKING to one another  
with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs  
SINGING and MAKING melody  
to the Lord in your HEART

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**5:20**

**Consequences of being filled  
by the Spirit**

GIVING thanks to God

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**5:20**

**Consequences of being filled  
by the Spirit**

*GIVING* thanks to God  
for ALL things

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**5:20**

**Consequences of being filled  
by the Spirit**

*GIVING* thanks to God  
for ALL things  
in the NAME of our Lord Jesus Christ

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**5:21**

**Consequences of being filled  
by the Spirit**

*SUBMITTING* yourselves to one another

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**5:21**

**Consequences of being filled  
by the Spirit**

*SUBMITTING* yourselves to one another  
in the FEAR of God

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**5:21**

**Consequences of being filled  
by the Spirit**

*SUBMITTING* yourselves to one another  
in the FEAR of God

Submission is ACCEPTING the role  
to which God has called you.

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**5:22-6:9**

**The Application**

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**5:22-6:9**

**The Application**

**Paul uses a HOUSEHOLD code to describe what being filled with the Spirit looks like in a household. The emphasis is on roles and God-given authority.**

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**The Application**

**He develops it in three sections:**

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**The Application**

**He develops it in three sections:  
Concerning the wife and husband  
(5:22-33)**

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## The Application

He develops it in three sections:  
Concerning the wife and husband  
(5:22-33)  
Concerning children and parents  
(6:1-4)

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## The Application

He develops it in three sections:  
Concerning the wife and husband  
(5:22-33)  
Concerning children and parents  
(6:1-4)  
Concerning servants and masters  
(6:5-9)

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## Self-Counsel Defined

- The daily PERPETUAL invitation to heart searching, heart repentance, and heart renewal through God's Word.
- The examination of your own HEART (i.e., thoughts, motives, desires) and behavior.

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## Self-Counsel Defined

- Taking the penetrating light of God’s Word and letting it carefully examine every part of your LiFE (Colossians 3:16).

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## The Importance of Self-Counsel: *AMBASSADORS*

1 Timothy 4:15-16 and 2 Corinthians 5

- You *must* take your life in Christ SERIOUSLY.

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- Self-Counsel always starts with an iNNER look.

take heed to yourself-  
and to the doctrine -  
continue in them! -  
you will save yourself -  
and those who hear you -

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• You are first an AMBASSADOR.  
 2 Corinthians 5:14-6:10  
 Being like Christ (an ambassador) means three things:  
THiNK like Christ (Christ-like conduct)  
FEEL like Christ (Christ-like conviction)  
ACT like Christ (Christ-like conduct)

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**The Warning of Self-Counsel:  
 the DECEITFULNESS of Sin**  
 Hebrews 3:12-13

- We need DAILY reminders from those around us in order that we might live godly.
- The fact that there is a warning here emphasizes the possibility.
- Every one of us is IMMINENTLY *entrappable*.

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**The Warning of Self-Counsel:  
 the DECEITFULNESS of Sin**  
 Hebrews 3:12-13

- It all starts with a look at your OWN eye first.

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# The Process of Self-Counsel: Until Christ Comes, PURIFY Yourself – 1 John 3:1-3

1. Choose a problem to deal with:

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2. In your own thinking (and probably on paper) describe the relevant aspects in some detail.

3. What are your reasons for choosing to deal with this particular problem now?

4. Determine your understanding of the problem biblically.

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5. What does meaningful headway in this area look like (Be specific and concrete)?

6. Get some accountability partners to help keep your feet to the fire as you work on this project (at least three).

7. Keep a log or journal to track your progress.

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## Questions for Your Consideration

- What does God want to change in your life? Where is God working?
- What are you doing about it?

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