

CONSISTENT CHRISTIAN LIVING
Eph. 5:5-18

- I. Consistent Conduct. "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise."
- a. Conduct is charted wisely. "Not as fools, but as wise. "As fools," endangers our moral nature. Forces us to see our conscience.
 - b. Aided by Holy Diligence. "Redeeming the time" or "Buying up opportunities."
 - (1) By using the moral lessons of the past.
 - (2) By avoiding present day evils.
 - (3) By use of every circumstance of our life to a spiritual account.
 - c. Helper by wise investigation. "Understanding what the will of the Lord is."
 - (1) God has a will for all of us.
 - (2) Inquire for it is in the Bible.
 - (3) Look for it in the circumstances of life.
- II. Consistent Stimulations. "Be not drunk on wine, where in is excess, but be filled with the spirit."
- a. Man has inherited desire to be stimulated. Observation shows this. Love for stimulation explains much of the restlessness, amusement, etc.
 - b. Man will be tempted to resort to improper means for stimulation. Sensualism of gratification of animal propensities. Gambling. In immoral literature.
 - c. It can be found in being filled with the spirit.
- III. Consistent Christ Conduct.
- a. Devout worship. "Singing and making melody in your heart to God."
 - b. Personal fellowship. "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs."
 - c. Godly devotion to a common cause. Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. Mutual recognition of each others rights.