

SERMON NOTES

Date: October 11, 2020

Series: God's Riches

Title: Walk in the Spirit

Text: Ephesians 5:17-21

Big Idea: It is God's will that we yield every thought and action to the controlling influence of the Holy Spirit in our life.

APPLICATION GUIDE

DISCUSS

Read Ephesians 5:17-21. What is God's will for your life according to Paul?

Paul compares the Spirit's filling to being drunk with wine. What does this comparison tell us about the meaning of being Spirit-filled?

How do the following passages enhance our understanding of how to be filled with the Spirit (Romans 12:1-2; 13:13-14; Galatians 5:16-17)?

What are the results or evidence of the Spirit's influence in our lives (cf. Colossians 3:16-17)?

APPLY THE TRUTH

What one of your favorite psalms, hymns, or spiritual songs? How does it encourage you to keep your eyes on God?

To whom could you text a line from that song to strengthen and encourage their walk of faith?

Think of a particular problem or situation in which you need wisdom. What does it practically mean to yield yourself to the influence of the Holy Spirit in that situation that you would understand the will of the Lord?

Evidence of the Spirit's influence in our lives is to be a submissive person. What relationships can you do better at being submissive (e.g., governing authorities, church leaders, parents, spouse, fellow Christians)? Explain what this can look like in practical terms.

COMMIT THIS WEEK

Write down one thing you can thank God for each day this week. Then share those seven blessings with another person to tell them how good and kind the Lord has been to you.