

LIFE Group Leader Handout

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"All In" 2.0—Walking Under the Influence

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Scripture— Ephesians 5:15-21

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Main Idea—All of Us—Be Continuously Filled with the Holy Spirit of God

EVIE—Evidence: God gives four indicators of whether we are filled with the Holy Spirit here in this passage, but the characteristic of boldness from the Book of Acts. (See Acts 4:31)

PHYLLIS—Fill Us, O Lord: the Scripture commands all of us to be continuously filled with the Holy Spirit

MIS-SHAPEN—All of us are misshapen by the choices of others and our own sin. The key is what is in the container, not the shape of it. We are tools not trophies. *"But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us."* 2 Corinthians 4:7

Application—

- What in this passage was important for you to know or to be reminded of?
- Personal appraisal—is there any compelling evidence that I am walking in the Spirit?
- How has it been going as I have sought this from God?