

## **“Living Carefully – Not Controlled by Alcohol”**

Ephesians 5:15-21 \* January 21, 2024

### **Be careful how you live**

“look carefully then how you walk,” 5:15

- with wisdom, 5:15
- with urgency, 5:16
- with understanding, 5:17

### **Be controlled by God’s \_\_\_\_\_**

Positive command – “Be filled with the Spirit,” 5:18b

### **Don’t be controlled by \_\_\_\_\_**

Negative command – “Do not get drunk with wine,”

Proverbs 23:19-21, 29-33

Isaiah 5:11

1 Peter 4:3 – example of unsaved

Galatians 5:19–21 – sins of the flesh

Romans 13:11–14 & 1 Thessalonians 5:6–8 – deed of darkness so live soberly

### **Consequences**

“for that is debauchery” 5:18a

Excessive behavior that leads to \_\_\_\_\_ (see Luke 15)

### **Consider the \_\_\_\_\_**

- drinking more than intended
- \_\_\_\_\_ oneself or others when intoxicated
- suffering \_\_\_\_\_, mental or spiritual aftermath
- becoming \_\_\_\_\_
- offending a weaker Christian (1 Corinthians 10:23-24)
- damaging one’s \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Corinthians 10:32-33)

### **Refuse the Enemy’s lies**

John 10:10, 8:44

1. You can \_\_\_\_\_ it
2. You need it
3. You deserve it
4. You can \_\_\_\_\_ it whenever you want

1 Corinthians 6:12

1 Corinthians 10:31

31 So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

Fill in the blanks: Spirit, alcohol, wastefulness, risks, harming, physical, addictive, testimony, handle, stop