

THE FILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:
Life's Crucial Choice
Ephesians 5:15-18 / Galatians 5:16-26

The POINT: Those God uses to change the world are those who are filled with His Spirit.

For that to be true for us we need to be able to answer 3 questions

1. What is the _____ - _____ life?

2. Why is this _____ so important?

3. How can I experience this _____ - _____ ?
 - o Continually a _____ His presence
 - o Humbly r _____ of your self-centered life.
 - o Deliberately y _____ control of your life to the Holy Spirit within.
 - o Consistently o _____ God's leadership through His Word and Spirit.

RESPONSE: 'Be doers of the Word' [James 1:22]:

Scripture text: Ephesians 5:15-18 [New International Version]

¹⁵ Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. ¹⁸ Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

Galatians 5:16-26 [New International Version]

¹⁶ So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰ idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹ and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

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***From TRUTH through TRACTION to TRANSFORMATION:***

What did God say to you today?

What will you do about it?

With whom will you share this...and when?