

## **Be Rich Part 9 05/07/26**

### **Walking Wisely - Ephesians 5:5-20**

#### **Introduction**

Last week we looked at Ephesians 4:17-5:4. This week we will look at the concluding part of this long section on Christian living. Motivation is a key theme.

What are some of the things that motivate you to work well, whether that is in employment or more generally?

#### **Read Ephesians 5:5-20**

1. How does Paul describe idolatry in v5? How does this expand your view of what idolatry is?
2. What are the consequences of idolatry v6?
3. Can we avoid being partners with Gentiles v7? If so how? (read 1 Corinthians 5:9-11 and 2 Corinthians 6:14-18 for further insight)
4. Walking wisely means avoiding both complacency and despair. How does 1 John 1:8-10 help us?
5. In the last section Paul uses the analogy of putting on and putting off. Now he uses the analogy of light and darkness. What does it mean to live as children of light, both positively and negatively v 8-14?
6. What characterises being wise in v15-17?

7. What characterises being filled with the Spirit v18-20?
8. How might Paul's instructions in this section help us to apply what he says about households in 5:21-6:9?
9. What do you need to do specifically to be more Spirit filled?

### **Personal reflection:**

You may want to write a Psalm, poem or song that reflects your gratitude to God.