

Discussion Questions

1. Read thru the passage 3 times slowly, prayerfully, out loud. Use different translations. Stop and ask God to open His word to your understanding and to change you this week.
2. How many times since chapter 4 has Paul used the word “walk”? Why is walking so important? What is the implication?
3. Paul calls us to be wise because we are living in evil times (vss. 15-16). This means we are not to “be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is” (vs. 17). Look up the passages below. In contrast to being foolish, what is the will of God?
 - a. 1 Timothy 2:3-4
 - b. 1 Thessalonians 4:3
 - c. 1 Thessalonians 5:18
 - d. Ephesians 5:18
4. Contrast what it means to be drunk with wine with what it means to be filled with the Spirit (vs. 18)?
5. We are to always give thanks for “ALL things” (vs. 20); even the difficult things? What are some difficult things you need to be thankful for? Why should you be thankful for these things?
6. In verse 21, Paul says believers should be subject “one to another” (KJV); that is, each believer should be subject to other appropriate authorities God has established. We are to do this “in the fear of Christ.” Why is subjection to appropriate authorities important for the Christian? Why is it to be done in the fear of Christ?

We come now to the longest and most important passage in the Bible on marriage, specifically the roles of wives and husbands. We will break from our normal pattern of study here and commence with the following assignments.

Your Bible Study Assignment

1. Read verses 22-33 once every day this week.
2. At the end of the week write down the most important thing that impacts you from this passage.

Your Prayer Assignment

1. If you are single with no desire for marriage, pray for the marriages of KBC.
2. If you are single with a desire for marriage, pray that God would prepare you to become the man He wants you to be, pray for wisdom in your pursuit and contentment, pray for the holiness of your future spouse.
3. If you are married, pray this week with and/or for your wife every day. Pray for ways you can love her as Christ loves you. Thank God for her. Ask her how you can pray for her. Share with your wife how she can pray for you.

Your Fun Assignment

1. Plan a date for your wife. Take care of everything. Try to be creative. She will appreciate the effort.
2. Do something unexpected for your wife this week (beyond your date!). Something that would surprise her. This doesn't have to be big, just something out of your norm. It might be extra time, undivided attention, or some act of service, or a love letter or poem, or doing something with her that she enjoys.

Your Wife Assignment - Ask your wife what the #1 area is that you need to grow and change in order to be a more Christ-like husband. Receive her answer without defense or negative response. Say, "thank you for letting me know."

Your Prayer Partner Assignment

1. Share the #1 thing you need to work on to become a better, more complete husband. Pray together about it.
2. Share what you did or plan to do for Your Fun Assignment above. Hold each other accountable to do this.