

Fruit of the Spirit

1. ¹⁹ Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.

Also see Ephesians 4:29

2. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord.

Also see Acts 16:25

3. ²⁰ Always giving thanks to God the Father for everything

Also see Ephesians 1:16

4. ²¹ Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

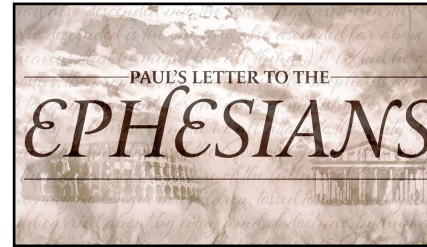
Also see Ephesians 5:21-6:9

“There must be a willingness in the Christian fellowship to serve any, to learn from any, to be corrected by any, regardless of age, sex, class, or any other division.”

Francis Foulkes

Community Group Questions:

1. What is the most important takeaway in this story for you?
2. How does “wisdom” help you to discern God’s moral will?
3. What is the Spirit’s role in helping you understand God’s will?
4. Have you ever thought of singing as a fruit of the Spirit? Why?



Filled by the Spirit:
Wisdom vs Folly

Ephesians 5:15 - 21

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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.

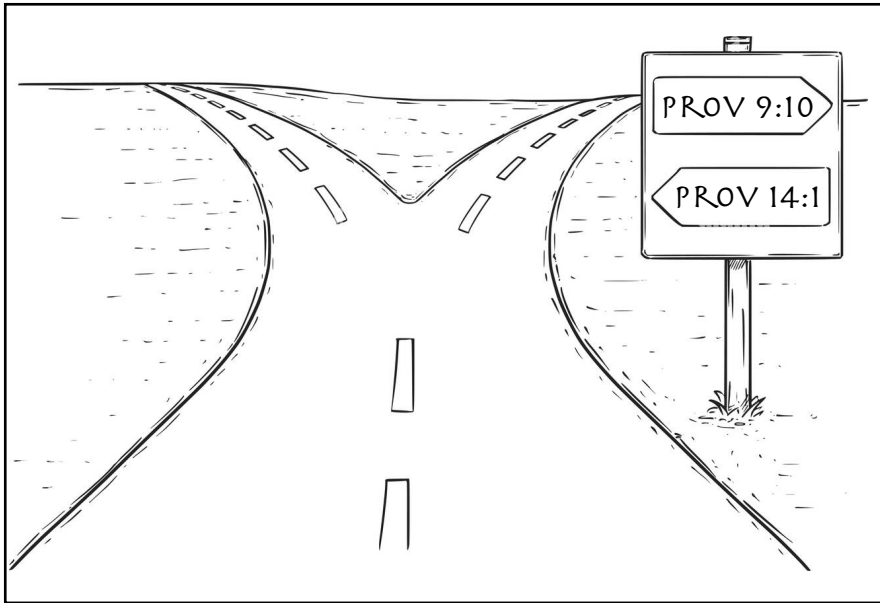
18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. 19 Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, 20 always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. 21 Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

The Holy Bible: New International Version (Ephesians 5:15–21)

According to Scripture, wisdom is about aligning our thoughts, our actions, our decision and our priorities with God and his moral will.

There are 31 chapters in the book of Proverbs (one for each day of most months) which contain many reminders of just how important God’s wisdom is in our daily lives.

Wisdom vs Foolishness



This picture illustrates the choices we face each day. Both paths demonstrate who we trust to give us direction and wisdom in life. The Proverbs below represent where each path ultimately leads us.

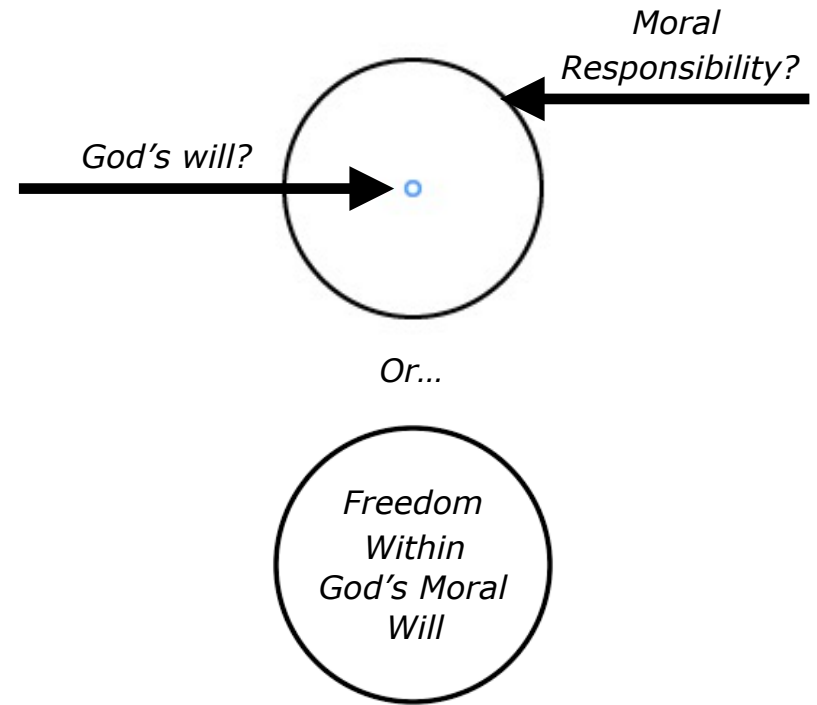
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. Proverbs 9:10

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. Proverbs 3:5-7

The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good. Proverbs 14:1

The way of fools seems right to them, but the wise listen to advice. Proverbs 12:15

How do I understand the will of God?



"Within the moral will of God, there is an area of freedom. You cannot go wrong if you are obeying all of the moral will of God, and the one who loves God will obey His moral will."

Garry Friesen

Filled by God's Spirit

Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." 1 Peter 1:13-16

** Being filled "by" the Spirit is an active, ongoing process by which the Spirit is the agent of our change, and the one filling us with God's wisdom and moral will through his word.*