

## **VISION**

**An interesting concept. Often used in business. In religion. In politics. Sometimes for our personal perspective to help guide our personal goals.**

There are, of course, many portions of the God Story which comment on our God Vision. But the Word of God also helps to **translate** this into our relationships. The way we do the “business” of life. In fact, the idea that we can believe one thing with our heads and practice another with our actions is a human construct. One such relational vision passage is Ephesians 5.15-21. Let’s take it apart together.

**Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise,**

What is it that makes a person wise?

How does this verse comment on the “head and actions” concept spoken of above?

What is supposed to characterize our vision process?

**making the most of your time, because the days are evil.**

What are our human tendencies in planning ahead?

What does the word “intentionality” mean to you?

In what ways does it describe you? Not describe you?

**So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.**

In what ways is it easy for you to be obtuse (thick- headed)?

Why is it important to grasp God’s will for each day of our lives?

How do you know when you are pursuing your will above God’s will?

**And do not get drunk with wine, for that is spirit-dangerous, but be filled with the Spirit,**

Why are addictions destructive?

Why do people choose addictions?

How does someone fill themselves with the Spirit of God?

**speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord;**

How do we talk in spiritual songs to others?

When do you know your heart is making a melody for God’s ears?

**always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father;**

What does a thankful heart do for a person’s soul?

How do our thanks get back to our Creator?

How is it even possible to give thanks for “all things?”

**and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.**

What makes it hard to give preference to another person?

Why is it important for things to be “subject” to others? What kinds of things?

How would you summarize your God-Vision?