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Therefore consider carefully how you live—not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ taking advantage of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ⁷ For this reason do not be foolish, but be wise by understanding what the Lord's will is. ¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, which is debauchery, but be filled by the Spirit,

Be filled by the Spirit,

- I. The reason is to be filled with The Holy Spirit
- II. The requirements for being filled with The Holy Spirit
- III. The result is being filled with the Holy Spirit

1) Obedience

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This is a command

2) Obligations

Need God's power to fulfill your obligations

a. Need to be Spirit-Filled in Worship Life

"... the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth" (John 4:23)

- b. Need to be Spirit-Filled in Marriage Life
- "... Wives, submit[ag] to your husbands as to the Lord...
 Husbands, love your wives just as Christ loved the church and gave himself for her" (Ephesians 5:22, 25)

- c. Need to be Spirit-Filled in Work Life
- "... Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ.," (Ephesians 6:5)

- d. Need to be Spirit-Filled in War Life
- "... For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.," (Ephesians 6:12)

- e. Need to be Spirit-Filled in Witness Life
- "... whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel," (Ephesians 6:19)

3) Opportunities

"Making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil." (Ephesians 5:16)

... John 15:5

II. The requirements for being filled with The Holy Spirit

Requirement 1

We need to bow to him in full surrender – "Complete Commitment"

... John 16:8; ... 1 Corinthians 6:19

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Requirement 2

Continual Control

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Requirement 3

Conscious Claiming

Lord take control of my life

III. The result is being filled with the Holy Spirit

Speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from 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. (Ephesians 5:19-21)

III. The result is being filled with the Holy Spirit

- We have a relationship to God
- We have a relationship to circumstances
- We have a relationship to other people

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