

## EMPOWERED part 3

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“So, then, be careful how you live. **Do not be unwise but wise,** <sup>16</sup> making the best use of your time because the times are evil. <sup>17</sup> Therefore, **do not be foolish,** but understand what the Lord’s will is. <sup>18</sup> Stop getting drunk with wine, which leads to wild living, but **keep on being filled with the Spirit.**

**Eph. 5:15-18 (ISV)**

**Q: What does it mean to be “filled with the Spirit”?**

- It means **Living Under the Influence (LUI)** of the Spirit.
- It means **the door is open** for God to **grant extra power** for service at special times.

**Q: Why do you need to “Keep on being filled with the Spirit”?**

- To make the best use of your **time**.
- To keep from **running out of power!**

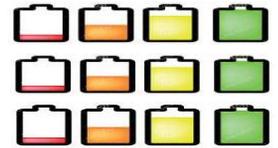
## What does being filled with the Spirit look like?

“And now, Lord, take note of their threats, and **grant that Your bond-servants may speak Your word with all confidence,** <sup>30</sup> while You extend Your hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place through the name of Your holy servant Jesus.” <sup>31</sup> And **when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness.** <sup>32</sup> And the congregation of those who believed **were of one heart and soul;** and not one of them claimed that anything belonging to him was his own, but **all things were common property to them.** <sup>33</sup> And with great power the apostles were giving testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and **abundant grace was upon them all.**

**Acts 4:29-33 (NASB)**

## When you are filled with the Spirit you will:

1. **Speak the Word of God boldly.** (v.31)
2. **Have unity of heart & purpose.** (v.32)
3. **Have real fellowship & generosity.** (v.32)



Q: Are you being filled with the Holy Spirit?

Q: Would those closest to you agree with your answer?

Q: If the Holy Spirit pulled out of your life for a week, would you miss Him, or would life go on pretty much as usual?

## How can you START BEING FILLED with the Spirit?

1. **Thirst** for it. (**John 7:37**)
2. **Ask** for it. (**Luke 11:13**)
3. **Have Faith** God will fill you. (**Gal. 3:2; Mk. 11:24; James 1:5-7**)
4. Make the **Word of Christ** at home in you. (**Col. 3:16**)

## How can you KEEP ON BEING FILLED with the Spirit?

“Stop getting drunk with wine, which leads to wild living, but **keep on being filled with the Spirit.** <sup>19</sup> Then you will recite to one another psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs; you will **sing and make music to the Lord with your hearts;** <sup>20</sup> you will **consistently give thanks to God the Father** for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus, the Messiah <sup>21</sup> and **you will submit to one another** out of reverence for the Messiah.

**Eph. 5:18-21 (ISB)**

1. Have a **worshipful heart.** (vs. 19)
  - a. This means **singing from the heart** and **worshiping** with other believers.
2. Be **thankful...** for everything. (vs. 20)
  - a. Being unthankful and ungrateful leads to **discontentment** and **resentment.**
3. Be **submissive,** and stop trying to get **your way.** (vs. 21)