

**A 3–D Approach to What We Believe:
 Doctrine, Discernment, & Discipline
 Walking Toward Worthiness:
 Finding Harmony Step By Step!**

—Ephesians 4 & 5 (with other supporting scripture)

—Understanding Today’s Main Focus:

God’s _____ for every person who claims to be a
FOLLOWER OF CHRIST is that we would _____ in a
 _____ that is _____ of the _____
 God has _____ in us & _____ to us!

Two Questions That Will Be Addressed by Our Study:

Is there **ANYTHING *holding me back from HOLINESS?***

What’s the ***most dominant* INFLUENCE** in my life?

Two Topics/Themes That Help Us Understand Ephesians:

Ephesians 1–3 **DEFINES *what*** God wants us to _____!

Ephesians 4–6 **DESCRIBES *how*** God wants us to _____!

Once again today our study is focused on the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Paul’s message to the Ephesians was ***to inform them about their wealth in Christ & instruct them to walk in the strength of the resources God provided them.***

Our purpose in using Ephesians is to connect these **resources** God has provided with the **responsibilities** He has given us. Simply stated, God always equips His people to be successful in what He expects or desires us to do. The question we need to ask ourselves is, **“Am I *cooperating* with the Lord by allowing His Spirit to *control* my actions and my attitude?”**

**—Three PRACTICAL TRUTHS About the RESOURCES
 We’re Given By God’s Holy Spirit!**

—1) Ephesians 1:13–14 = _____

—Christ _____ us & we are God’s _____ !!!

—He’s the _____ that signifies God’s _____
 SEAL = _____

—He’s the _____ that guarantees _____
 PLEDGE = _____

—2) Ephesians 2:11–3:12 = _____

—God’s Spirit _____ the _____

—The Church was/is both a _____ & a _____

—God _____ the Church by sending His _____!

—3) Ephesians 3:14–21 = _____

—God’s Spirit _____ us with His _____ !!!

—He _____ us beyond our _____

—He _____ us that His **resources** are _____

—PERSONAL APPLICATIONS:

A POINT OF CLARIFICATION: In Ephesians 4:1–5:21, there are approximately 50 instructions, commands, exhortations, or warnings that all relate in some way to how we can walk in a manner that’s worthy of the wealth God has invested in us. Here’s a summary that’s primarily based on Ephesians 5:15–21!

—1) What’s a “**Worthy Walk?**” Ephesians 4:1 says,
“Walk (my _____)
in a *manner worthy* (_____)
of the *calling with which you’ve been called.*”
CALLING refers to _____

—2) A **worthy walk** is motivated by _____ !
Ephesians 5:15–21 instructs us, “Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men (and women) but as wise, making proper use of your time, because the days are evil. With this in mind, don’t be foolish, but instead recognize and acknowledge what the Lord’s will is. And don’t get drunk with wine, which is rebellion, but be filled (**controlled, led, and guided**) by the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making music in your hearts to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and submitting (**showing concern & consideration for**) to one another out of respect and reverence for Christ.”

—The **SOURCE** for **WISDOM** is God’s _____

—The **SEARCH** for **WISDOM** is _____

—IN A PRACTICAL & PERSONAL WAY,
WISDOM involves:

—1— _____

—making the most of _____

—avoid being _____

—time is a _____

—2— _____

—allowing God’s Spirit to _____

— _____

—3— _____

Always _____

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