



Knowing & Living God's Will

Ephesians 5:18-21

I. Not



I Peter 4:2 & 3

² so as to live the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. ³ For the time already past is sufficient *for you* to have carried out the desire of the Gentiles, having pursued a course of sensuality, lusts, drunkenness, carousing, drinking parties and abominable idolatries.

“By the ancients an overdose of wine was often used not only to rid oneself of care but also to induce communion with the gods and, by means of this communion, to receive ecstatic knowledge not otherwise obtainable.”

- W. Hendriksen

I Timothy 5:23

²³ No longer drink water *exclusively*, but use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments.

“The gods have revealed wine to mortals, to be the greatest blessing for those who use it aright, but for those who use it without measure, the reverse. For it gives food to them that take it and strength in mind and body. In medicine it is most beneficial; it can be mixed with liquid and drugs and it brings aid to the wounded. In daily use, to those who mix and drink it moderately, it gives good cheer; but if you overstep the bounds, it brings violence. Mix it half and half, and you get madness, unmixed, bodily collapse.”

- Mnesitheus of Athens

Philippians 4:8

⁸ Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.

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- Basic Concept: God's power realized in my life as I live for Him.



“GRACE DRIVEN EFFORT”

- D.A. Carson

III. Evident



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- Love for worship in the new song.

“Our singing clearly has horizontal and vertical dimensions. We sing to ‘one another’ and ‘to the Lord.’ Paul is describing the same activity from different perspectives. Remember this: When we gather for corporate worship and sing to God, we are also ministering to one another.”

- P. O’Brien

III. Evident

- Love for worship in the new song.
- Thankful heart.

Colossians 2:6 & 7; 3:17

⁶ Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, ⁷ having been firmly rooted *and now* being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, *and* overflowing with gratitude.

¹⁷ Whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

III. Evident

- Love for worship in the new song.
- Thankful heart.
- Willing subjection.

Luke 2:51

⁵¹ And He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and He continued in subjection to them; and His mother treasured all *these* things in her heart.