

*Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, Ephesians 5:15 (ESV)*

- God wants me to take time to reflect and plan my life.

### What do I need to know about wise living?

- Human wisdom is about enlarging me. Biblical wisdom is about enlarging God.
- Biblical wisdom is not tied to education and intellect and is available to all who seek God.

*Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. Psalm 51:6 (ESV)*

*If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. James 1:5 (ESV)*

- Biblical wisdom is the ability to apply God's truth to everyday life.

### What Determines Spiritual Impact of My Life

#### 1. Am I making the best use of my time?

*making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Ephesians 5:16 (ESV)*

- Do I have a goal?
- What is distracting me from my goal?

- Am I doing too much?
- Am I lazy?

*As a door turns on its hinges, so does a sluggard on his bed. Proverbs 26:14 (ESV)*

#### 2. Am I trying to discern God's will?

*Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Ephesians 5:17 (ESV)*

- God's will is found in assembling all the pieces of the Bible, not from just one of the pieces in the Bible.
- What does it mean to be foolish?
- How do I discern God's unrevealed will for my life?

*Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:4 (ESV)*

- Am I listening to those I spiritually respect?
- Don't substitute listening to your friends for listening to God?

#### 3. Am I seeking to be influenced by the Spirit of God or the culture of the world?

*And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs.*

*singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, Ephesians 5:18–19 (ESV)*

*(No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments.) 1 Timothy 5:23 (ESV)*

- Be careful. Everything influences me.
- Let God influence me through music.

#### 4. Am I thankful?

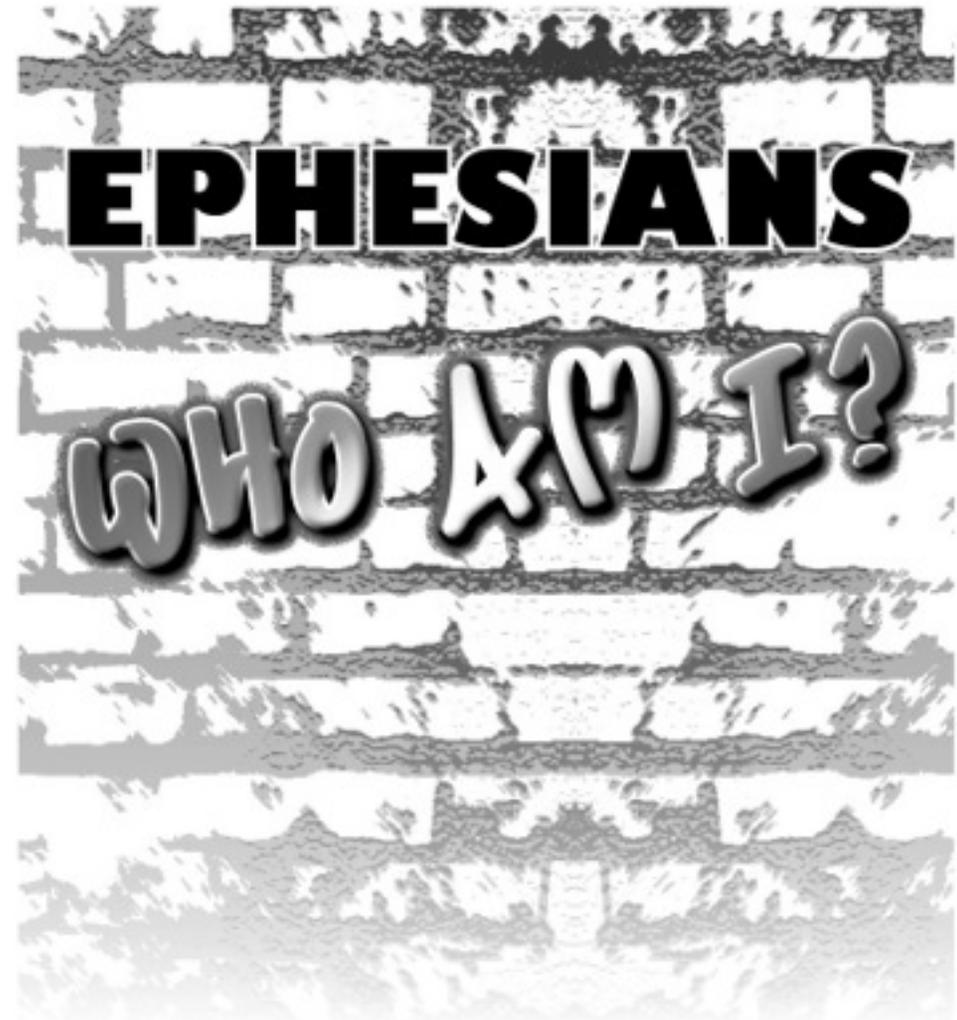
*giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Ephesians 5:20 (ESV)*

#### How Do I Live A High Impact Life For God?

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2. Am I trying to discern God's will?
3. Am I seeking to be influenced by the Spirit of God or the culture of the world?
4. Am I thankful?

May 11 - Ephesians 5:21-24 - What Is The Most Important Thing A Woman Can Do To Succeed As A Wife?

May 18 - Graduation Sunday - Pastor Leland speaking



## High Impact Living