

LIVING CAREFULLY BY LIVING IN THE CONTROL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
Ephesians 5:18-21

I. The Command to Not be Controlled by Wine (18a).

Proverbs 4:17: For they eat the bread of wickedness, **and drink the wine of violence.**

Proverbs 20:1: **Wine is a mocker, strong drink is a brawler,** and whoever is led astray by it **is not wise.**

II. The Command to be Controlled by the Holy Spirit (18b).

Romans 8:1: There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, **but according to the Spirit.**

Galatians 5:16-18: I say then: **Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.** For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

III. The Results of being Controlled by the Holy Spirit (19-21).

A. Singing with your heart to the Lord (19).

Colossians 3:16: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, **singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.**

B. Giving thanks (20).

Colossians 3:17: And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, **giving thanks to God the Father through Him.**

C. Submitting to one another (21).

Galatians 5:25-26: **If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.** Let us not become **conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.**