

## Making time to do His will together

Ephesians 5:15-21, page 949

- I. WE MUST PRIORITIZE TIME TO PLEASE CHRIST BY DOING HIS WILL (Ephesians 5:15-17).
  - A. Use your time and opportunities wisely in this evil world (5:15-16; Colossians 4:5-6).
  - B. Don't use your time and opportunities foolishly, but wisely discern Christ's true priorities for you (5:17).
- II. CHRIST DESIRES HIS CHURCH TO MEET CONTINUALLY EMPOWERED BY THE SPIRIT (Ephesians 5:18-21).
  - A. God's will is that we yield to the control of the Holy Spirit (5:18).
    - Just as yielding to alcohol prompts bad behavior; yielding to the Holy Spirit empowers godly behavior.
  - B. The Spirit prompts us to sing together in worship (5:19).
    - We sing together to remind each other of truth (19a).
    - We sing together for Christ to enjoy our unified praise (19b).
  - C. The Spirit prompts us to be continually grateful (5:20).
  - D. The Spirit prompts us to honor Christ by yielding to one another (5:21).
    - Submitting means we don't insist on our own way (21a).
    - Submitting to each other honors Christ who yielded His will to die for us (21b, see 23, 25).