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“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

<sup>15</sup> Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,

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<sup>18</sup> And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,

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### **Understand What the Will of the Lord is...**

Be warned about what major risk? 5:6; Jer.21:8-9; Mt.24:4, 24; Col.2:8; IJn.4:1

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How should we give thanks? 5:20-21; Ps.34:1; Phil.4:6; Col.3:17; Rom.13:1-5; IPet.2:17

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**Being deceived by empty (hollow) words, because of these the wrath of God comes...!**

Because (of wrath..), what should we do? **5:7-8, 11; Nu.16:26, 31-35; Rev.18:4; IPet.2:9-11**

**Don't support (partner) them. At one time you were darkness, but now walk as of light!**

What is the fruit of light? What are we to discern (learn)? **5:9-10; Gal.5:22; Phil.1:9-11**

**Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Learn!**

Why are we to take no part in works of darkness? **5:11-12; Rev.18:4; Ecl.12:14; Lu.12:2**

**These works are darkness, expose them. It is shameful to even speak of their 'secret' stuff!**

What does exposing by the light do? **5:13-14; Jn.3:20-21; Heb.4:13; Rom.13:8-14**

**It makes visible/ light. So wake up! Separate from the dead! Christ will shine on you!!**

What is his summary? **5:15-16; Prov.1:7; ICor.14:20; Phil.1:27; Eph.2:2; Gal.1:4; 2Cor.4:4**

**Look carefully how you walk, not unwise but wise. Best use of your time; the days are evil!**

What is his clear admonition next? **5:17; 5:15; Col.4:5; Pr. 14:8; Rom.12:2; Col.1:9; IThess.4:1-8**

**Therefore (from what he has taught) don't be foolish! Understand what the Lord's will is!**

What is the contrast and then instruction? **5:18-19; Prov.20:1; Rom.13:13; Gal.5:22-25**

**Don't get drunk, but be filled w/Spirit. Address others in psalms/hymns/melody to Lord!**

How should we give thanks? **5:20-21; Ps.34:1; Phil.4:6; Col.3:17; Rom.13:1-5; IPet.2:17**

**Thanks always, for everything to Father in Jesus' Name. Submit to others w/reverence...**