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Dealing With the Paradoxes

Living Out Our Faith -Part 8

Paradox – A seemingly contradictory statement that may nonetheless be true. *2 Corinthians 6:10* “Sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything.”

Paradox: Be ready _____ but filled _____
Eph 5:15-20 “Be very careful, then, how you live-- not as unwise but as wise,¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.¹⁸ Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.¹⁹ Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord,²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Part 1: Be _____ and _____

Part 2: Sing and Make Melody _____ (vs 18-20)

Three Ways to Express This Tension

1. Recognize the Days are Evil and _____

Galatians 1:4, 2 Corinthians 12:9-10, 1 Thess 5:18, Ephesians 5:18

2. Analyse With Your _____ and Worship With _____

(Ephesians 5:15, 17, 19)

3. Be Wartime _____ but Peacetime _____

(Ephesians 5:15, 16, 17, 19)

Philippians 1:20 “I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.²¹ For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.”

The Glue that Holds the Paradoxes Together – the work of _____