

*Paul's Letter to the*  
**Ephesians**



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Ephesians 5:15 - 21 (KJV)

15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,

16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;



Ephesians 5:15-21 (KJV) cont.

19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.



# 7 Characteristics of the Wise

- Humility
- Loyalty
- Teachability
- Righteousness
- Godly Speech
- Forgiveness
- Thoughtfulness

# How We Walk (Live) Matters

Ephesians 5

<b>vs</b>	<b>Walk</b>	<b>Live</b>
1-2	In Love	As Imitators of God
3-5	As Saints	With Godly character
8-9	As Children of Light	With Consistency
15	Carefully	Wisely not Foolishly
21	In Submission	As the Bride of Christ

# Walk Wisely

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# Principles from Ephesians 5:15-21

- Spirituality requires alertness to dangers and opportunities.(5:15)
- God wants us to make the most of the time that He gives us.(5:16)
- Christians apply God's will to their experience as the standard of understanding and rule of conduct.(5:17)
- There is a limited comparison between being under the control of a substance and under the control of the Spirit.(5:18)

# Principles from Ephesians 5:15-21

- God puts Spirit-filled believers under a higher instrumentality for His working.(5:18b)
- Worship is a manifestation of being filled with the Spirit.(5:19)
- The believer is to minister to the Lord with the heart.(5:19b)
- Gratitude is recognition of what God has done for us in Christ without our merit. (5:20)
- The motive for giving deference to other Christians is our Lord. (5:21)



# Walk Carefully = Live Wisely not Foolishly

## Ephesians 5

15. Pay careful attention, then, to how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,

**Spirituality requires alertness to dangers and opportunities.(5:15)**



# 1. The Wise Redeem the Time

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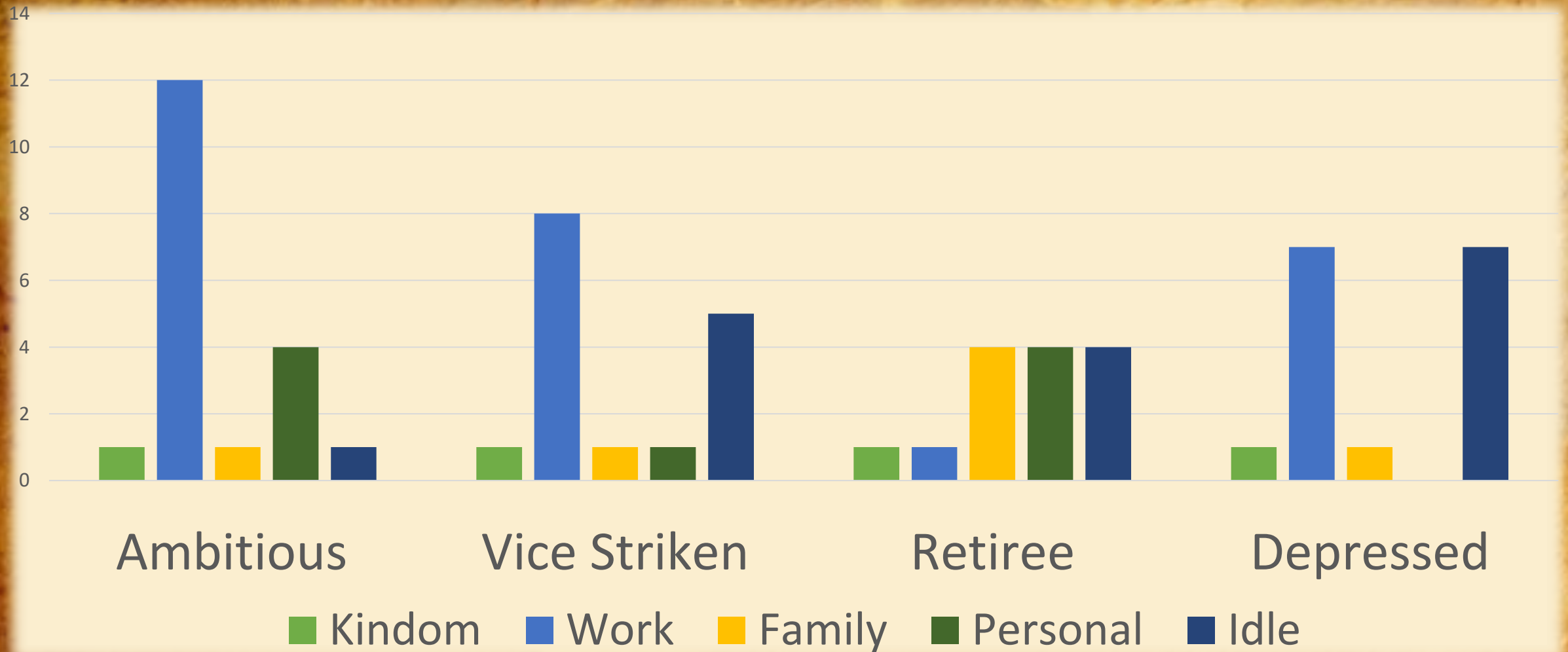
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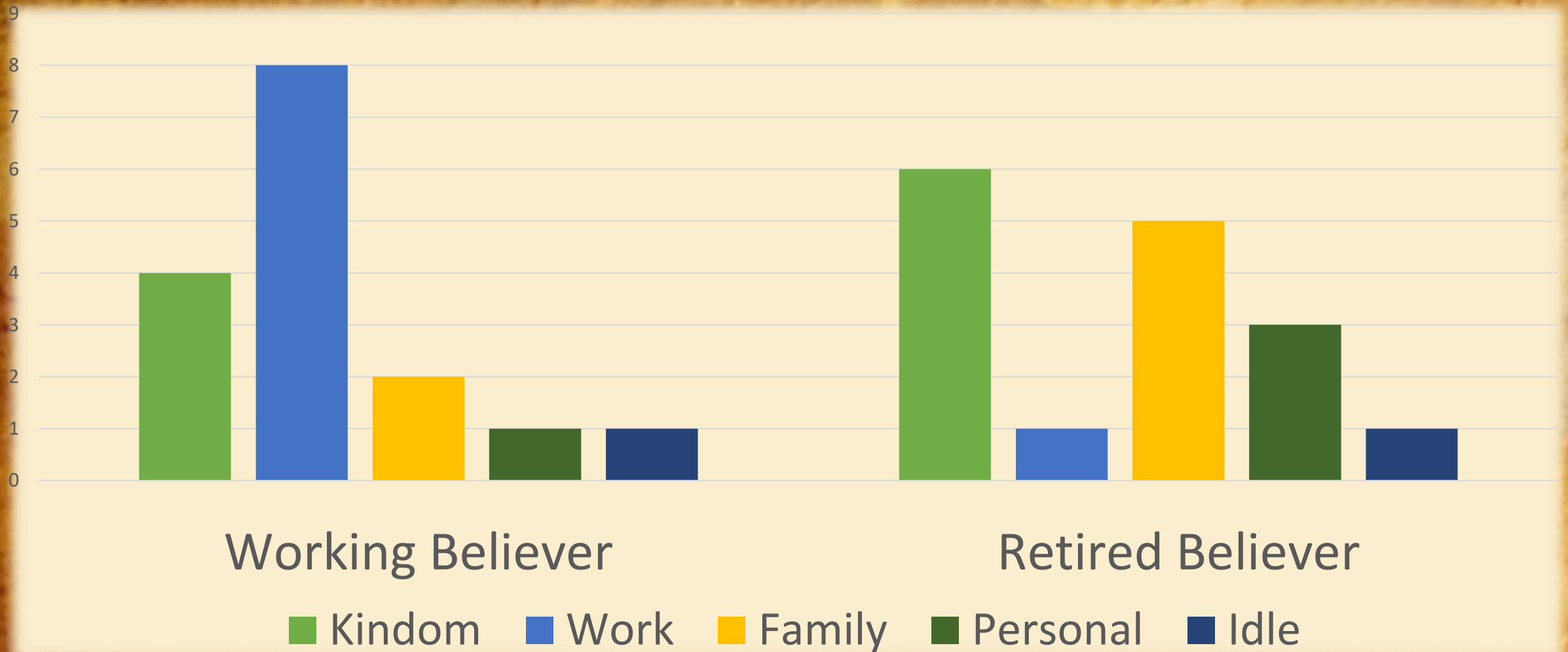
Where do you spend too much time?

- Kingdom stuff
- Work stuff
- Family stuff
- Personal stuff
- Idle stuff

# How Do You Manage Your Time?



# What is a Reasonable Aspiration?



## 2. The Wise Seek the Lord's Will

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17. Therefore, do not be **foolish**, but understand what the Lord's will is.

Apply God's will as the standard of understanding & rule of conduct.(5:17)

The days are too evil  
for believers to act  
like a fool.



The fool says there is  
no God.

# 3. The Wise Are Sober Minded

## Ephesians 5

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16. Redeeming the time, 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 reckless indiscretion. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.**

**\*The Spirit brings discipline not reckless (out of control) behavior.**



# Disruptions Can Make You Lose Your Mind

What intoxicating agents most often disrupt your discipline and cause you to act recklessly?

- **Alcohol:** Substances that reduce your inhibitions
- **Impatience:** Agitated by apathy, slow progress, loss, or setbacks
- **Pride:** Agitation that comes with being overlooked or disrespected
- **Toxicity:** Agitation that comes with people failing to live up to your expectations
- **Unforgiveness:** Agitation that comes with people who have offended you

# 4. The Wise Worship the Lord

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**Worship is a manifestation of being filled with the Spirit.(5:19)**

**A Great Song is Difficult to Extinguish**





# 5. The Wise Are Grateful

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**20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;**

**\*Gratitude acknowledges God's unmerited favor toward us thru Christ. (5:20)**

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## 5 Things that Define the Wise

- |   |                                       |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1 | <b>Active</b> in the time allotted    |
| 2 | <b>Student</b> of the Lord's will     |
| 3 | <b>Sober</b> minded                   |
| 4 | <b>Worshiper</b> of the Lord          |
| 5 | <b>Grateful</b> to God for everything |

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