

When God gave Moses instructions for building the tabernacle, He appointed a man named Bezalel to be master craftsman for the project. God “filled him with the Holy Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship”. (Exodus 31:2-3) The apostle Paul picked up on the connection between wisdom and being filled with the Holy Spirit in Ephesians 5:15-18.

Paul cautioned the Ephesians about being foolish and wasting the opportunities of living for God. He equated being wise with understanding and carrying out God’s will, exhorting them not to be “drunk with wine” but to “be filled with the Holy Spirit”. Just as a master craftsman could not carry out his tasks if he was drunk with wine, so a Christian cannot carry out God’s will by living a wasteful and uncontrolled life. One of the fruits of the Holy Spirit is self-control. (Galatians 5:23)

Imagine yourself as a master craftsman, constructing a life that is pleasing to the Lord and fruitful in His work. Purpose each day to be filled with the Holy Spirit so that your gifts, abilities and talents are not wasted.

Ephesians 5:18 “Do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Holy Spirit.”