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Have you ever done something foolish? What did you do and why do you think it was foolish? Why do you think God tells us in the Bible not to be foolish?

In Ephesians 5:17-18, Paul tells us how to live in a way that honors and pleases God. In each verse, he warns us not to do one thing, but to do something else instead.

Do not be foolish... This is more than playful silliness or joking around. This is the foolishness of a person who thinks “I don't need God to tell me how to live my life. I'll do what I want and live to please myself.” The Bible says, don't be like that. Instead, you want to know and **follow the will of the Lord**. God tells us his will in the Bible. God's ways are good and following God's ways are the best way to live.

Do not get drunk... When a person drinks too much alcohol, the alcohol begins to have a bad influence on their mind and body. The sin of drunkenness leads them to commit other sins. The Bible says, don't be like that. Instead, **be filled with the Spirit**. The Holy Spirit will have a good influence in your life, leading to love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23).

Are you ever tempted to be foolish? How are you seeking to grow in understanding God's will? Are there places in your life where you need the Spirit's help? Talk to your parents; ask them to pray with you and for you!