

**Walking as Children of Light:
Paying Close Attention to our
Life and Time**

Ephesians 5:15-21

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How do we Walk in the Light?

- (1) Look carefully how you walk, not as unwise but as wise (v. 15);
- (2) Make the best use of your time, because the days are evil (16);
- (3) Do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is (v. 17);
- (4) Do not be drunk with wine, but be filled with the Holy Spirit (v. 18).

Evidences of the Holy Spirit...

- (a) If we're filled with the Holy Spirit we will speak to one another in Psalms, hymns and spiritual songs;
- (b) If we're filled with the Holy Spirit we will sing and make melody to the Lord in our hearts;
- (c) If we're filled with the Holy Spirit we will give thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;
- (d) If we're filled with the Holy Spirit we will submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Ephesians 5:15-16

“Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.”

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- Christians must live thoughtful lives
(Proverbs 4:26)

What Marks the Unwise?

1. The unwise do not give thought to their lives;
2. The unwise do not ponder and learn from their mistakes;
3. The unwise, even when they think about their lives, neglect to consider God.

Psalm 25:4-5

*“Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth
and teach me, for you are the God of my
salvation; for you I wait all the day long.”*

Psalm 119:1-7

“Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD! Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways! You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently. Oh that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes! Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments. I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous rules.”

Psalm 119:15

“I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways.”

Psalm 119:59

*“When I think on my ways, I turn my feet to
your testimonies...”*

Proverbs 3:5-7

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.”

How do we Walk in the Light?

(2) Make the best use of the time because the days are evil.

- “Making the best” literally means “to buy back” or “to redeem.”

Joel 2:25

“I [God] will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten.”

Back to Ephesians 5:16...

By the power of the blood of Jesus Christ that bought you back, you now buy back or redeem the time that you've been given.

And as you do, have a sense of urgency and gravity about this because the days are evil—exceedingly evil.

How do we “redeem the time”?

One thought:

*Spend time in prayer and the Word until you
discover a consuming passion.*

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