

BE WISE

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“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 5:15–18)

INTRODUCTION _____

“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.” (James 1:5)

1. A _____ Walk

A. In _____

OF SURROUNDINGS THAT HINDER

Definition: *circumspectly*—to look on all sides, to watch carefully, to guard against danger or surprise, to look exactly, accurately, diligently

Quote: “The word *circumspectly* carries the idea of looking around carefully so as not to stumble. It means walking intelligently and not in ignorance.”—**Warren Wiersbe**

OF PEOPLE WHO HINDER

“And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.” (Ephesians 5:11)

“Do all things without murmurings and disputings: 15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye

shine as lights in the world; 16 Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.” (Philippians 2:14–16)

B. In _____

Definition: *proving*—to test, examine, prove, scrutinize (to see whether a thing is genuine or not), as metals; to approve, deem worthy

“Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. 14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.” (John 16:13–14)

2. A _____ Walk

A. _____ the Time

SEIZE EVERY OPPORTUNITY

Definition: *redeeming*—to buy up, to buy up for one’s self, for one’s use

Quote: “As we obey His will, we ‘buy up the opportunities’ (redeem the time) and do not waste time, energy, money, and talent in that which is apart from His will. Lost opportunities may never be regained; they are gone forever.”—**Warren Wiersbe**

“The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away. 12 So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.” (Psalm 90:10, 12)

CHERISH EVERY DAY GOD GIVES YOU

“This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.” (Psalm 118:24)

B. _____ Your Time

Quote: “Time is free, but it’s priceless. You can’t own it, but you can use it. You can’t keep it, but you can spend it. Once you’ve lost it you can never get it back.”—**Harvey MacKay**

3. A _____ Walk

“This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.” (Galatians 5:16)

A. The _____

DON'T LOSE CONTROL OF YOUR MENTAL CAPACITY
BE CONTROLLED BY THE SPIRIT

B. The _____

Definition: *be filled*—to make full, to fill up, to cause to abound, to furnish or supply liberally

Quote: “Men ought to seek with their whole hearts to be filled with the Spirit of God. Without being filled with the Spirit, it is utterly impossible that an individual Christian or a church can ever live or work as God desires.”—**Andrew Murray**

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.” (Colossians 3:16)

C. The _____

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. 24 And they that are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.” (Galatians 5:22–25)

Quote: “May not a single moment of my life be spent outside the light, love and joy of God’s presence and not a moment without the entire surrender of myself as a vessel for Him to fill full of His Spirit and His love.”—**Andrew Murray**

SPEAK LOVINGLY

“Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer every man.” (Colossians 4:6)

“Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.” (Ephesians 4:29)

SING JOYFULLY

“And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.” (Acts 16:25)

“I waited patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. 2 He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. 3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.” (Psalm 40:1-3)

LIVE THANKFULLY

“In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

Quote: “When we bless God for mercies, we usually prolong them. When we bless God for miseries, we usually end them. Praise is the honey of life which a devout heart extracts from every bloom of providence and grace.”—**C.H. Spurgeon**

CONCLUSION _____

