

“Walking in Wisdom”

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**“All complain of the shortness
of time, and yet everyone hath
more than he useth well.”**

Thomas Manton



Ephesians 5:15-21

“Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.”



1. Look **CAREFULLY** how you walk (v. 15)



A. REDEEM the Time (v. 16; 1 Cor. 10:31)



B. REASONS to Redeem the Time:

**1) Redeem the time as in time
CHRIST has redeemed you!
(Ephesians 1:7)**



“We need Jesus in all of life. We need Jesus informing our minds, and we need Jesus transforming and reforming our hearts... We need Jesus in our churches, our classrooms, and our homes. We need Jesus to remove the burden of sin at Calvary and to strengthen us for the long pilgrimage to the Celestial City. We need Jesus to walk with us through the Valley of Humiliation. We need Him to help us make the hard climb up Hill Difficulty. We need Him to pull us from the Slough of Despond and to rescue us from Doubting Castle. We need Jesus for singleness, marriage, parenting, empty-nesting, and grand-parenting. In all that we are, we need all that He is. Our need is great. But His Sufficiency is greater.”

Brian Hedges



**2) Redeem the time as the days are
EVIL (v. 16; 1 Pt. 2:11-13)**



**3) Redeem the time as you are called
to HOLINESS. (Eph. 1:4)**



**4) Redeem the time as your
WELFARE depends upon it. (1 Tim.
4:7-8)**



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**“Time is so short, and the work
which we have to do in it is so great,
that we have none of it to spare.”**

Jonathan Edwards



**5). Redeem the time as time is
SHORT and uncertain. (James 4:14)**

**#5. Resolved, never to lose one
moment of time; but improve it the
most profitable way I possibly can.**



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**#7. Resolved, never to do anything,
which I should be afraid to do, if it
were the last hour of my life.**



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**“Time is short. Eternity is long. It is
only reasonable that this short life
be lived in the light of eternity!”**

Charles Spurgeon



**5). Redeem the time as time is
SHORT and uncertain. (James 4:14)**

**“What single thing that you plan
to do this year will matter most
in ten years? In eternity?”**

Donald Whitney



**6) Redeem the time as time cannot be
RECOVERED. (Eph. 5:14)**



**“Oh let my love with fervor burn,
And from the world now let me turn;
Living for Thee, and Thee alone,
Bringing Thee pleasure on Thy throne;
And when I am dying, how happy I’ll be,
If the lamp of my life has been burned out for Thee.**

**Only one life, ’twill soon be past,
Only what’s done for Christ will last.”**

Charles Studd



7) Redeem the time as you are
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**“What are you doing with your time?
Every moment God gives you, has in
it a possibility of beauty or
usefulness--as well as something to
be accounted for.”**

J. C. Ryle



2. Understand God's WILL (v. 17)



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- 1) Read your Bible**
- 2) Think biblically**
- 3) Pray biblically.**
- 4) Seek wise counsel from people who read their Bible and pray.**
- 5) When in doubt, REPEAT.**



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Redeeming the Time (Richard Baxter):

- 1) Cast none of it away in vain but use every minute of it as a most precious thing**
- 2) Do the best and greatest good that we are able and have a call to do**
- 3) Do the best things in the best manner and do as much good as possible**
- 4) Part with all that need to be parted with to save our time**



B. Walk by the SPIRIT (v. 18b; Col. 3:16-17)



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**“No time is so well spent in
every day--as that which
we spend upon our knees.”**

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C. Address one another with TRUTH (v. 19, 4:15-6; Col. 1:28)



**D. Give continual THANKS to God (v.
20, 5:2)**

**“Christ loved us and gave
himself up for us, a fragrant
offering and sacrifice to God.”**

Ephesians 5:2



“When I look at any circumstance that God apportions me, I am first grateful for the wrath I am not receiving in that moment... Second, I am grateful for the blessings that are given me instead of God’s wrath. Life’s blessings, however small, always appear exceedingly precious when viewed against the backdrop of the wrath I deserve. This two-layered gratitude disposes my heart to give thanks in all things and it also lends a certain intensity to my giving of thanks.”

Milton Vincent



E. SUBMIT to one another (v. 21)



“I was greatly ashamed of the vileness of my former life, and I felt a strong sense of shame for all my ignorance. I had been so blind that I had never before considered the glorious beauty of Jesus Christ. I suddenly had a compelling love for the holy life and longed to do something for the praise and honor and glory of the Lord Jesus. Yes, I now felt that if I had a thousand gallons of blood in my body, I could have spilled it all for the sake of Jesus, my Lord.”

The Pilgrim’s Progress



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