

Title: Redeeming the time
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Walking wisely

ephesians 5:15-16

¹⁵ See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, ¹⁶ redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

1. Understand the will of God

ephesians 5:17

¹⁷ Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

a) A consecrated life

1 thessalonians 4:3a (AMP)

³ For this is the will of God, that you should be consecrated (separated and set apart for pure and holy living).

b) A lifestyle of rejoicing, praying and thanksgiving

1 thessalonians 5:16-18

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

c) Good works

1 peter 2:15

¹⁵ For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men.

d) All to come to repentance

2 peter 3:9

⁹ The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

2. Be filled with the Holy Spirit

ephesians 5:18-21

¹⁸ And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,

¹⁹ speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another in the fear of God.

The result of being filled

- a) The body is edified.
- b) Praise and worship will flow.
- c) Thanksgiving will abound.
- d) The fear of God → mutual submission and accountability.
- e) Outsiders will be drawn in.