



## SERMON OUTLINE NOTES

### I. WE MUST PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO OUR LIVES (EPHESIANS 5:15-16)

- A. We cannot coast through life. Instead, we should look carefully how we live (**Ephesians 5:15a**)
  - 1. We must walk in a worthy manner (**Ephesians 4:13**)
  - 2. We must walk in holiness (**Romans 13:11-14**)
  - 3. We must walk like Jesus (**Ephesians 5:2; Colossians 2:6-7**)
- B. Careful living requires wisdom (**Ephesians 5:15b**)
  - 1. Wisdom begins with God (**Proverbs 9:10; 3:19; 8:22-23**)
  - 2. Wisdom is being intentional and deliberate (**Proverbs 4:23-27; 14:15-16**)
  - 3. All the treasures of wisdom are in Christ (**Colossians 2:2-3**)
- C. Careful living means making the most of our time for redemptive purposes (**Ephesians 5:16a**)
  - 1. Our days are few so we would be wise to number them (**Psalms 90:12**)
  - 2. Chronos v. kairos concept of time (**Galatians 4:4-5**)
- D. We need wisdom because the days are evil (**Ephesians 5:16b; Galatians 1:3-5**)

### II. WISDOM AND THE WILL OF GOD (EPHESIANS 5:17)

- A. The Lord's will can be understood
  - 1. God's hidden will (**Deuteronomy 29:29**)
  - 2. God's revealed will (**1 Thessalonians 4:1-8**)
- B. The Lord's will is discerned through a transformed mind (**Romans 12:2**)
- C. A transformed mind comes through Jesus (**Ephesians 4:17-24**)

### III. COMMUNION REMINDS US THAT JESUS HAS REDEEMED US FROM OUR SIN SO WE CAN WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE (ROMANS 6:1-11)

# SERMON REFLECTIONS

1. Why are we in need of wisdom? How does our need for wisdom relate to our calling to be witnesses for Christ?
2. What does the phrase “how you walk” mean? What are some ways we can coast through life? What might it look like to pay careful attention to the way we live?
3. What are some perspectives that can enable us to live wisely? How might intentionality and the concept of time factor in to living wisely?
4. How can we come to understand the Lord’s will?
5. How is Jesus central to wise living? What are some ways you can become more wise so that you can become a better witness for Christ?

## EPHESIANS 5:15-17

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.