

“Look Carefully How You Walk”

Ephesians 5:15-21

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“¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.”

Ephesians 6:11-12

“Look carefully then how you walk,” Ephesians 5:15a

1) Not as unwise, but as wise.

“...not as unwise but as wise,” Ephesians 5:15b

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.” Proverbs 1:7

“⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.” Ephesians 1:7-10

“¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸ having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,” Ephesians 1:17-18

“making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.” Ephesians 5:16

2) Not foolish, but understanding God’s will.

“Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.” Ephesians 5:17

See Ephesians 1:7-10

“^{19b} You are not your own, ²⁰ for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.” 1 Corinthians 6:19b-20

3) Not substance-filled, but Spirit-filled.

“And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,” Ephesians 5:18

“¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.”

Ephesians 5:19-21