

God Uses the Wise

Ephesians 5:15-17

Main Point: Our life will have a great impact for God if we live wisely.

- I. Be sure to live wisely (Ephesians 5:15).
 - “Live wisely” = Live as children of light (5:8-9), pure and righteous in a sinful world.
 - “Careful” = A good and godly life doesn’t just happen; we must carefully pay attention to our attitudes and choices.
- II. Living wisely enables us to use the time God gives us for eternal impact (Ephesians 5:16a).
 - Literally – “buying back the time” = Make good use of time that otherwise achieves only useless, godless things.
 - Opportunities for the gospel come as we live wisely among unbelievers (Colossians 4:5).
 - Opportunities for the gospel come as we relate graciously to unbelievers (Colossians 4:6).
- III. We must live wisely because we live in an evil world (Ephesians 5:16b).
 - The time we have in this evil world is short (1 Corinthians 7:29; 2 Peter 3:11-15).
 - The evil world desperately needs the gospel (Galatians 1:4).
 - The evil world easily derails us from our witness if don’t live wisely (Ephesians 6:10-12).
- IV. As we live wisely we will find God’s will for our life (Ephesians 5:17).
 - A Foolish Life – Some believers don’t know God’s will or even want it.
 - A Wise Life – We will continually discover God’s specific will as we obey God’s revealed will.