



LIVING WISELY


EPHESIANS 5:15-17



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*The greatest surprise
of life to me is the
brevity of life.*

— Billy Graham

A large, leafless tree stands in the center of a foggy field. The tree is dark and its branches are intricate, though softened by the mist. The background is a uniform, light grey fog that fills the sky and the distant ground. The overall mood is quiet and somber.

BE VERY CAREFUL, THEN, HOW YOU LIVE ...

A large, leafless tree stands in the center of a foggy field. The tree is dark and its branches are intricate, spreading out in all directions. The fog is thick and white, obscuring the background and creating a soft, ethereal atmosphere. The ground in the foreground is dark and appears to be covered in grass or low-lying vegetation. The overall scene is quiet and contemplative.

Ephesians 3:1-7

Walk In Love

Ephesians 3:8-14

Walk In Light

Ephesians 3:15-17

Walk In Wisdom



15 Be very careful, then, how you live ...
15 See then that you walk circumspectly ...(NKJV)

Ephesians 5



17 This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, 18 having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; 19 who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

(Ephesians 4)



16... BECAUSE THE DAYS ARE EVIL.

EPHESIANS 5

13 But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.

2 T I M O T H Y 3





DO NOT CONFORM.

SHOULDN'T WE
BE GREEN?

OH SHUT UP!
JUST TRY TO ADAPT.



Brought To Boil!

REDEEM THE TIME

16 making the most
of every
opportunity, because
the days are evil.

(Ephesians)

16 redeeming the
time, because the
days are evil.

(NKJV)



Greek - **exagorazo**

The verb translated as “redeeming” shows up in [Galatians 3:13](#), “Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us.” Then, in [Galatians 4:5](#) it says that Christ was born under the law “to redeem those under the law.” So, looking back at [Ephesians 5:16](#), we might say that we are to redeem the time by ransoming it from the clutches of evil. Of course, we don’t rescue the days by literally paying some sort of ransom.

REDEEMING
the
TIME



Greek - **exagorazo**

Rather, when we are careful about how we live, when we use our time wisely rather than foolishly, then we are redeeming time from its diabolic prison. The day before us is held captive by evil. But if we live carefully, if we use well the opportunities given to us, then we can set a bit of time free today. We can ransom it from evil into the goodness of God's kingdom.

(Theology of Work)

REDEEMING
the
TIME



Redeem The Time!

8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light 9 (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) 10 and **find out what pleases the Lord**. 11 Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. 12 It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. 13 But everything exposed by the light becomes visible - and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. 14 This is why it is said: 'Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.'

(Ephesians 5)



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Ephesians 5



GOODNESS

RIGHTEOUSNESS

TRUTH



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"It is even possible for light to turn the thing it shines upon into light also."
(J.B. Phillips)

5 Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time.
(Colossians 4, NKJV)



Do God's Will



16Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

(Ephesians 5)

19 JESUS GAVE THEM THIS ANSWER: "VERY TRULY I TELL YOU,
THE SON CAN DO NOTHING BY HIMSELF; HE CAN DO ONLY WHAT
HE SEES HIS FATHER DOING, BECAUSE WHATEVER THE FATHER
DOES THE SON ALSO DOES."



John 5

*I have fought the good fight,
I have finished the race,
I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH.*

2 TIMOTHY 4:7



12 So teach us to number
our days, that we may
present to You a heart of
wisdom. ... 17 May the
kindness of the Lord our
God be upon us; and
confirm for us the work of
our hands; yes, confirm
the work of our hands.

Psalm 90

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not as unwise but as wise,

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(Ephesians 5)

