

LIVING WISE IN 2025 -- PART 2

Sunday, January 19, 2025 -- NEW YEAR msg -- Pastor Andrew Coleman

EPHESIANS 5:15-21

English Standard Version (ESV)

15 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. **18** And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, **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.

OBSERVATIONS & APPLICATIONS --

vs 15 -- NOTICE the CAUTION regarding how you will live in 2025.

There is the admonition to be _____.

Look carefully then how you walk,

There is the contrast between _____ and _____ living.

not as unwise but as wise

vs 16 -- NOTICE the GOOD REASON to be careful in 2025.

making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.

exagorazo = '_____ the time'

As a Christian, your time in this fallen and evil world has been redeemed and _____.

You have a _____ of time and a _____ of opportunity.

Your time and opportunity are _____ and _____!

Unlike eternity to come, this present moment is limited.

Ephesians 5:1 says *Be imitators of God...*

Ephesians 5:8 says *for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.*

Ephesians 5:15-16 being careful and redeeming the time is how you can be like God.

PSALM 90:12

So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

vs 17 -- NOTICE the _____ OPTION regarding how you can live in 2025.

Therefore do not be foolish,

Realize that the world runs in _____.

vs 17 -- NOTICE the _____ OPTION regarding how you can live in 2025.

but understand what the will of the Lord is.

But how do we understand what the will of the Lord is??

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DEUTERONOMY 29:29

The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.

DEUTERONOMY 30:11-18

11 "For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. 12 It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' 13 Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?'" 14 But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.

15 "See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. 16 If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. 17 But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, 18 I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish.

How do we understand the will of the Lord? --> _____ & _____ HIS WORD!

Psalm 119:9-11

- 9 How can a young man keep his way pure?
By guarding it according to your Word.
- 10 With my whole heart I seek you;
let me not wander from your commandments!
- 11 I have stored up your Word in my heart,
that I might not sin against you.

JOHN 1:14

*And **the Word** became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

vs 18 -- NOTICE the _____ of the world versus the _____ of God.

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,

Getting drunk is just one example of _____ ways to waste and destroy your life.

Being filled with the Spirit is the _____ way to obey God with your life.

In 2025 you have the choice of building your life on the _____ of worldliness or on the _____ of God's commands and His kingdom.

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vs 19 -- NOTICE the WISDOM of _____!

addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart,

Your _____ in 2025 should be the true worship of God every day of your life.

True worship begins with _____ **worship** with God's family on Sunday.

(Read your Old and New Testaments to see if that isn't clearly true!)

- Be _____, present and _____ for worship when the church gathers.
- Bring a ready and expectant _____ . (Psalm 51:10)
- Realize that true Christian worship involves loving _____.

True worship continues everyday in _____ worship and _____ witness.
(see Romans chapter 12)

Personal worship:

- your reading scripture
- your _____
- your discipleship
- your _____

Public witness:

- your _____ life
- your _____ life
- your _____ life
- your _____

vs 20 -- NOTICE the WISDOM of _____ TO GOD through JESUS CHRIST.

giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

Gratitude is a statement of _____ to God. Colossians 2:6-7

Gratitude _____ God (because faith pleases God -- Hebrews 11:6).

Gratitude is _____ by God. Hebrews 13:15-16

Gratitude is a blessing to _____.

vs 21 -- NOTICE the WISDOM of BEING UNDER _____ to one another.

submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Our fallen flesh _____ submission to God, what is right and others. (See Psalm 2)

This applies to _____ submission and hierarchical submission.

Wisdom realizes that God and His structures of authority are a source of _____.

HOW ABOUT YOU? How will you live in 2025 -- _____ or _____?