

**Walking in Wisdom  
(Ephesians 5:15-17)**

**A. The Context of Walking In Wisdom is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Believer (Chp 4-6)**

1. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ Christian, instead, make the \_\_\_\_\_ of your new life in Christ! (5:14)
2. We could break down the Christian life in Ephesians into 3 sections: "you \_\_\_\_\_," "You now \_\_\_\_\_,"... "Now \_\_\_\_\_ the person God would have you to \_\_\_\_\_"
  - a. "You were" in your \_\_\_\_\_ before salvation (Ephesians 2:1-3, 12-13) ... \_\_\_\_\_ in trespasses and sins!
  - b. "You now \_\_\_\_\_ are" (Ephesians 2:5-10)... \_\_\_\_\_ & ..... \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ (Eph 1:3-ff)
  - c. "To be the \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord would have you to be" (Eph. 4:1-ff)
- How is this manifest in the Christian life?
- Why is this commanded?

**B. Walking in Wisdom (Ephesians 5:15-17)**

1. In light of the potential of \_\_\_\_\_ in your Christian life, "*see then*" that you \_\_\_\_\_ !
2. God wants you to \_\_\_\_\_ of Him in your Christian life! (4:1)
- How is this walk described here?

"circumspectly" (akribos) =

- What will this kind of walk require?
3. This whole aspect of praying for knowledge so as to walk in wisdom is *contrasted* by the phrase ... "*not as \_\_\_\_\_, but as \_\_\_\_\_ men*"! (5:15b)
  4. Let's face it, everyone born into this world is born with "congenital foolishness" known as a \_\_\_\_\_ !
  5. The bible defines a fool as one lives life apart from \_\_\_\_\_ & His \_\_\_\_\_, thus w/o \_\_\_\_\_ viewpoint in their thinking!
  - Some Characteristics of a fool:

6. A second characteristic for walking in wisdom is...\_\_\_\_\_ the time! (5:16)

“redeeming” (exagorazo) =

- What are we to redeem?

7. The believer who walks in wisdom should know how to make the \_\_\_\_\_ of his opportunities by means of the \_\_\_\_\_ leading & guiding in his life!

8. Believers play the fool when we \_\_\_\_\_ our hearts to God & don't take the opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ His word (Heb. 3:7-12)!

- Who was the greatest fool in scripture?

### C. Some Wise Exhortations You May Need to Heed

1. To the believer

a. to the older believer (Romans 13:11)

b. to the middle aged believer (Ecc. 1:2-3; 12:13)

c. to the younger believer (Ecc. 12:1-7)

d. to the married believer (Col. 3:18-19)

e. to the single believer (1 Cor. 7:32-35)

f. to the lonely believer (Isa 41:10 & 13)

g. to the believer w/o hope (Rom. 15:13)

h. to the rebellious believer (Heb 12:6-7)

i. to the growing believer (Heb 13:9)

j. to the selfish believer (Gal 6:7-8)

k. to the serving believer (Gal 6:9-10)

l. to the struggling believer (Eph 4:11-16)

m. to the believer in trials (1 Cor. 10:13 & James 1:5)

n. to the believer who is afraid (Joshua 1:9)

o. to the believer who is anxious in life (Phil 4:6-7; Isaiah 26:3)

p. to the believer who is thinking of quitting (1 John 2:28)

q. to the believer who has failed (Phil 3:13b-14)

r. to the mature believer (Phil 4:4-5)

s. to the new believer (1 Peter 2:2-3)

t. to the worldly believer (James 4:4)

u. to those who desire to be rich (1 Tim 6:9-10)

v. to those who are rich (1 Tim 6:17-19)

w. to the double minded believer (James 1:8)

x. to those who wonder, how can I do all this? (Phil 4:13; Heb 13:20-21; 11:6)

2. To the unbeliever...

Luke 12:15-21; 2 Cor. 6:2