

THE WALK OF THE WISE
(Ephesians 5:15-17) pt 1

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A. We Are to Walk in Unity (4:1-3)

B. We Are to Walk in Diversity (4:7-16)

C. We Are to Walk in Holiness (4:17-32)

D. We Are to Walk in Love (5:1-6)

E. We Are to Walk as Children of Light (5:7-14)

F. We Are to Walk _____ (5:15-17)

1. The first 2 words of vs 15 say... “*See then*” ... these words point us back to vs 8, reminding us that although we were once darkness, we are now _____ in the Lord. As such, we are to walk as _____ ! We are not to slip into spiritual _____... we are not to adopt the life style or thinking of the _____, instead you are to _____ by faith!

• What is “wisdom”? Wisdom is the ability to _____ to things in life!

2. Now the *basis* of a “wise walk” includes...

1) Coming to _____ in faith and getting _____ !

1 Corinthians 1:30

Colossians 2:1-3

Titus 2:11-14

Ephesians 1:7-8

2) Knowing we have an _____ by the _____ (1 John 2:20, 27)

3) Knowing we also have the privilege of asking for wisdom via _____ (James 1:5)

4) There is always the availability of on-going _____ (Col. 1:27-28; Hebrews 10:24-25)

3. This verse commands us to _____ in _____ ! (5:15)

4. The adverb that characterizes a wise walk is the word “_____”!

“circumspectly” (akribos) {ak-ree-boce'} =

5. For the believer, we are walking or making our way, not on top of a glass studded wall, but through the _____ of life that is _____.
6. Paul is basically saying, since you have put off the old man and His ways & have put on the new man in Christ ... you are to walk in _____, and to do so carefully, accurately & precisely... not as do _____, but as _____ men in Christ!

- How do “fools” operate in life?

- Understanding the “fear of the Lord” is our _____ point to gaining true wisdom from God. As only God’s wisdom, via His word can _____ & spiritually _____ our lives with His wisdom.

- The *significance* of everything worthwhile is tied to the _____ – as it gives us proper _____, spiritual _____, & a proper _____ on life!

- So to *summarize* this section on “walking in wisdom” ... the believer must:

A. Know the way to _____ (5:15)

B. Know that his time to walk wisely is _____ (5:16)

C. Know specifically _____ (5:17)

A. The believer must _____ the way to _____ (5:15)

1. He must walk “_____”! – carefully, accurately, precisely or exactly in accordance with God word!

2. He must not walk _____!

- How do God’s people play “*the fool*” when it comes to gaining the wisdom of God’s word?

- 1) They don’t expose their minds to _____ or _____ it taught _____!

- 2) They don’t always _____ for themselves!

- 3) Sometimes they are just _____ to the WOG in life!

- 4) Sometimes they drift into _____ & _____ what the world offers or our flesh just wants

- 5) Sometimes they just _____

3. They must walk _____, by responding to God’s word with _____ acts of _____ toward it!