

- And He Becomes The Source:
 - Of The Wisdom That You Need:
 - In Order To Walk & Live Your Life In A Way That Pleases The Lord!
 - So - To “Walk In Wisdom” Also Means:
 - That You Need To “Walk In The Spirit!”
 - And Be Guided & Governed:
 - By Him!
 - But The Holy Spirit Most Often Guides Us Through His Word!
 - So - This Wisdom:
 - Is Further Derived From:
 - The Scriptures!
 - From The Bible!
 - Back In 3:16 - Paul Tells All Of Us To - “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom!”
 - Because - The Word Of God:
 - Reveals To Us:
 - The Wisdom Of God:
 - In All Its Splendor!
 - So - To “Walk In Wisdom” Means:
 - That You Need To:
 - Learn From & Live According To:
 - God’s Holy Word!
 - Are You Doing This?
 - Not Just Today:
 - But Every Day?
5. This Is The “Wisdom” That Paul Is Talking About!
- This Is The Wisdom That You & I Are To “Walk In!”
 - It Is - The “Wisdom That Is From Above!” (James 3:17)
 - And It Is Derived From:
 - The Savior!
 - The Spirit!
 - And The Scriptures!
 - And - When You Live Your Life:
 - In Faith - In Christ!
 - In Fellowship - With The Holy Spirit!
 - And - In Following - God’s Word!
 - Then You Are Walking In True Wisdom!
 - But Then - In The Rest Of Our Verses:
 - Paul Explains How We Are To “Walk In Wisdom!”
 - By Giving Us Four Ways To “Walk In Wisdom” As Christians!

* First - You Need To “Walk In Wisdom”:

1. As A Testimony!

- This Is Why In 4:5 - Paul Adds:
 - “Walk In Wisdom ***Toward Them That Are Without!***”
 - It Is True That You & I Need To:
 - “Walk In Wisdom” Toward Everyone!
 - But - Paul Has Already Addressed This In Our Relationships In The Church & In Our Families!
 - But Here - Paul Especially Points Out:
 - “Them That Are Without!”
 - Which Simply Means Those Who Are Not Believers In Christ!
 - They Are Outside Of The Fold Of Christ!
 - It Is Important For You & I To Live Our Lives:
 - “In Wisdom” - ***As A Testimony:***
 - To The Unbelievers Around You & To The Unbelievers Who Know You!
 - You Need To Remember That:

- **IE:** Your Life Is A Letter From God To This World!

- What Does It Say?

- So - How Can You Do This?

- How Can You - “Walk In Wisdom Toward Them That Are Without?”

- The Scriptures Give Us Several Ways!

- In 1 Thessalonians 4:12 - We Are Told To:

- Walk Candidly!

- “That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without!”

- In A Way That Is Honest & Honorable:

- Before God & This World!

- In Ephesians 5:15 - We Are Told To:

- Walk Carefully!

- “See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise!”

- In A Way That Is Careful & Cautious:

- So That There Will Be No Cause For Scorn Or Ridicule:

- Not Just Of Yourself, But Of The Lord!

- In Acts 24:16 - Paul Shares With Us How He Sought To:

- Walk Conscientiously!

- “And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men!”

- This Is To Be Your Testimony:

- Before A Lost & Dying World!

- To - “Walk With Wisdom Toward Them That Are Without!”

- Because - The Lord May Even Use Your Testimony To Bring Those Who Are:

- “Without” The Fold To “Within” The Fold!

- In 1 Peter 3:1 - Peter Even Shares How An Unsaved Husband May Be Won By His Saved Wife:

- “They also may without [a] word be won by the conversation of the wives!”

- A Good & Wise Testimony Can Go A Long Way In Winning Someone To The Lord!

- So - **“Walk In Wisdom” - As A Testimony!**

- Does This Describe Your Walk:

- As A Christian This Morning?

- Are You “Walking In Wisdom Toward Them That Are Without?”

* Second - You Need To “Walk In Wisdom”:

2. **With Your Time!**

- Because Paul Continues In 4:5 And Says:

- **“Redeeming The Time!”**

- Now - There Are Two Main New Testament Greek Words For “Time”:

- Chronos - Which Describes The Sequence Of Time:

- And Gives The Idea Of **Order!**

- Chronology! Chronometer!

- Kairos - Which Describes The Significance Of Time:

- And Gives The Idea Of **Opportunity!**

- This Is The Word Used In Colossians 4:5!

- Use The Word “Opportunity” As Well!

- Everyone Has The Same Amount Of Time In A Day!

- Chronos! 24 Hours!

- **Not** Everyone Has The Same Opportunities In A Day!

- Kairos!

- So - You Need To Redeem Your Time:

- And Your Opportunities:

- Each And Every Day, For The Lord! So:

- Don't Spend Your Time:

- In Wastefulness!

- **IE:** Ever Wonder: “Where Did The Day Go?” & “What Did I Even Do With My Day?” – What Did I Accomplish? Anything To Show For It? Even More – What Did I Accomplish For The Lord?

- Your Time Is Too Valuable!

- So Redeem It! Redeem Your Time From Wastefulness!
 - In Ephesians 5:16 - Paul Adds -"Redeeming the time, because the days are evil!"
- Don't Spend Your Time:
 - In Worldliness!
 - Do You Spend Your Time In Worldly Pursuits, Without Ever Thinking What God's Purpose For Your Time Is?
 - Your Time Is Too Valuable!
 - So Redeem It! Redeem Your Time From Worldliness!
- Don't Spend Your Time:
 - In Wickedness!
 - Albert Barnes - "Be More Especially On Guard Against A Sinful & Unprofitable Waste Of Time!"
 - Your Time Is Too Valuable!
 - So Redeem It! Redeem Your Time From Wickedness!
- **IE:** You Wouldn't Throw Away Your Money!
 - But How Often Do You Throw Away Your Time – Every Time You Use Your Time For Wastefulness / Worldliness / Wickedness!
 - Won't You Redeem Your Time & Opportunities For Your Lord?
 - Especially Your Opportunities To Display Christ In Your Life To Others?
- So - "**Walk In Wisdom**" - **With Your Time!**
 - Does This Describe Your Walk:
 - As A Christian This Morning?
 - Are You "Redeeming The Time?"

* But Then - Third - You Also Need To "Walk In Wisdom":

3. ***In Your Tongue!***

- In 4:6 - Paul Writes:
 - "***Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt!***"
 - It Is A Wise Thing:
 - To Fill Your Words:
 - With Grace!
 - This Is To Be:
- The Character Of Your Tongue:
 - And Your Speech!
 - It Is To Be ***Gracious!***
 - This Means That You Need To Deliberately Speak Your:
 - Words ***In*** Grace!
 - That Is - In ***How*** You Say Things!
 - In A Way That Is Not Surly, But Soft!
 - The Book Of Proverbs Has A Lot To Say About The Manner Of Your Speech!
 - Proverbs 15:1 - "A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger!"
 - Proverbs 16:24 - "Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones!"
 - Proverbs 25:11 - "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver!"
 - We Need To Speak Graciously!
 - But This Also Means That We Need To Deliberately Speak:
 - Words ***Of*** Grace!
 - That Is - In ***What*** You Say!
 - Words About God & His Grace!
 - Psalm 71:24 - "My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long!"
 - We Need To Speak Graciously!
 - After All - As King Solomon Once Wrote:
 - In Ecclesiastes 10:12 - "The words of a wise man's mouth are gracious!"
 - So - "Walk In Wisdom" - In Your Tongue!
 - May It Be Filled With Grace!
 - Because Grace Is Also Described As:
- The Condiment Of Your Tongue!

- Paul Adds In 4:6 - “Seasoned With Salt!”
 - Salt Is A Well-Known Condiment & Seasoning:
 - That Has Several Properties That Are Useful For Our Food!
- Salt Can Be Used:
 - To Preserve Food!
 - Before Refrigeration - To Preserve Meat:
 - You Would Rub It In Salt Or Put It Into A Brine!
 - Because - Salt Preserves!
- Salt Can Also Be Used:
 - To Flavor Food!
 - Something That Is Bland Can Be Made More Tasty & Savory:
 - By Sprinkling Just A Little Bit Of Salt Into It!
 - Because - Salt Flavors!
- So Paul Uses This Common Seasoning:
 - As A Symbol - Of What Grace-Filled Words:
 - Can Do!
 - When Grace Is The Seasoning Of Your Words:
 - Like Salt:
 - They Can Be Used By God To Win Others To The Lord!
- So - **“Walk In Wisdom” - In Your Tongue!**
 - Does This Describe Your Walk:
 - As A Christian This Morning?
 - Is Your “Speech Always With Grace, Seasoned With Salt?”

* Because Then - Fourth - You Need To Always “Walk In Wisdom”:

4. For The Truth!

- As Paul Says - At The End Of 4:6:
 - **“That Ye May Know How Ye Ought To Answer Every Man!”**
 - Now - When It Comes To Seasoning Your Food:
 - With Salt - There Are Two Ways You Can Do It!
 - One Way Is:
 - To Add It - To Your Own Taste - When The Meal Is Served!
 - The Other Way Is:
 - To Add It - When You Are Preparing The Food!
 - This Is The Primary Way:
 - We Need To Season Our Words With Grace!
 - Not Just At The Moment Of Delivery! But:
- Thoughtfully!
 - That Way - You Can - 4:6 - **“Know How Ye Ought To Answer Every Man!”**
 - It Means That You Have Put Some Thought:
 - Into What You Are Going To Say:
 - And How You Are Going To Say It:
 - Before You Actually Do!
 - **IE:** The Best Seasoning:
 - Is Something That Can Marinate:
 - Into The Food!
 - So That It Can Penetrate And Flavor It Completely!
 - And So - When It Comes To Speaking The Truth:
 - You Need To Carefully & Thoughtfully:
 - Deliberate About Your Words!
 - Now - There Still May Be Times You Are Called Upon To Speak Without Adequate Preparation & Deliberation!
 - And The Lord Promises To “Give You In That Same Hour What Ye Shall Speak!” (Matthew 10:20)
 - But - For The Most Part - Your Words Of Truth Need To Be Served Up:
 - Thoughtfully!
 - But Then - The Truth Also Needs To Be Delivered:
- Tenderly!

- 4:6 - "That Ye May Know **How** Ye Ought To Answer Every Man!"
 - In Ephesians 4:15 - Paul Explains **How** Christians Are To Speak The Truth:
 - "In Love!"
- And It Will Take Love & Tenderness:
 - To Say:
 - "The Right Word At The Right Time To The Right Person!" (Hendrickson)
- But - This Is Not Just A Good Principle:
 - To Live By - All This Is Closely Related To:
 - Your Witness:
 - To This World - For The Lord Jesus Christ!
 - It Is How You Will Be Able To:
 - "Answer Every Man!"
 - No Matter What Questions Or Concerns They Might Have About Your Faith!
- Peter Puts It This Way In:
 - 1 Peter 3:15-16 - "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear: / Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ!"
- So - "**Walk In Wisdom**" - **For The Truth!**
 - Does This Describe Your Walk:
 - As A Christian This Morning?
 - Do You "Know **How** Ye Ought To Answer Every Man?"

Conclusion:

1. Are You Walking In Wisdom In These Ways Today?
 - As A Testimony - For Christ?
 - With Your Time - For Christ?
 - In Your Tongue - For Christ?
 - And - For The Truth - For Christ?
2. If Not - Remember:
 - What This Wisdom Is:
 - And Where It Comes From!
 - It Is A "Wisdom That Is From Above!"
 - True Wisdom Is Derived From:
 - Faith In Your Savior!
 - This Is Where It Starts!
 - But Then - It Grows Through:
 - Fellowship With The Spirit!
 - Are You Walking In & Sowing To The Spirit Of God? Daily?
 - If So - Your Wisdom Will Grow Through:
 - Following The Scripture!
 - So - In Order For You To:
 - "Walk In Wisdom" - You Need Help!
 - The Help Of The Lord!
 - So - In The Words Of James - "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him!" (James 1:5)
 - 3. Go To God This Morning:
 - So That You Can & Will:
 - "**Walk In Wisdom!**"

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