

The Careful Walk

Ephesians 5:15-17

What has happened to us before Paul speaks this exhortation?

How careful is careful?

Why the Then (therefore)?

What do we learn from the context?

How radical is this?

Be Very Careful How You Live, verse 15

What is wisdom?

In Proverbs - What are examples of this practical wisdom?

Not as Unwise

Living as unwise is living as if God didn't live, or doesn't matter. (Ephesians 4:17)

Ideas have consequences.

Wise

Where does our wisdom come from? (Ephesians 1:17)

What is this wisdom?

Making the Most of the Time, verse 16

Buying back the time - redeeming it. Investing it wisely.

The Days are Evil

What might that mean? (Galatians 1:4; Ephesians 2:2)

Not Foolish

The fool despises wisdom, he doesn't fear the Lord, and it shows in very obvious and practical ways. He doesn't know or do the will of God.

Understanding What the Will of the Lord Is

What does God want me to do? (General and specific will)

So what is the will of God?

We start with what God is doing in the world, and then find our place.

What does God want me to do as a part of His plan?