

Redeeming 2016

Ephesians 5:15-17
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Introduction

- The Evaporation of Time
- The Need for Wisdom
 - Definition of “wisdom” — *“Skill in Godly living”*
 - Worth of Wisdom—Proverbs 4:5-7; 8:11, 33-35
- Living as an “Imitator of God”
 - By our Love—5:2-6
 - By our Light—5:7-14

Redeeming 2016—Characteristics of Wise Living

A. Wise Christians live “circumspectly”—5:15

1. “Accuracy”—careful, according to the plans
2. “Investigation”—living according to the truth, the facts

B. Wise Christians redeem their time—5:16

1. God has allotted to each of us a set amount of time—and it is short.
James 4:14; Psalm 39:5
2. God desires for us to ‘redeem the time’, that is to invest our time in that which will pay eternal dividends.
3. Four Classifications of “Time management”
 - a. Urgent and Important
 - b. Non-urgent, but important
 - c. Urgent, but not important
 - d. Non-urgent and not important
4. Added incentive: “because the days are evil”

C. Wise Christians understand God’s Will. – 5:17

1. Difference between being a “fool” (v. 15) and “unwise” (v. 17)
2. Wise in the “General Will” of God
 - a. God’s Will for you to be saved. 1 Timothy 2:3-4
 - b. God’s Will for you to be sanctified. 1 Thessalonians 4:3
 - c. God’s Will for you to be in submission to authority—1 Peter 3:13-15
 - d. God’s Will for you to do what is right, even if it means suffering or persecution.
1 Peter 3:17
 - e. God’s Will for you to be thankful in all situations. -- 1 Thessalonians 5:18