

Ending A Season: Ephesians 5:15-17

- I. Walk (make progress)
 - i. Circumspectly (accurately, diligently, wisely).

Ephesians 4:1 - *I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to **walk worthy** of the calling with which you were called,*

Colossians 4:5 - **Walk in wisdom** toward those who are outside, redeeming the time.

- ii. Redeeming The Time (to buy back).

There are two ancient Greek words used for time. One has the idea simply of day upon day and hour upon hour. The other has the idea of a definite portion of time, a time where something should happen. So, “redeeming the time” is that you buy back opportunities.

Why? Because the days are evil.

Judges 16:28 - *Then Samson called to the LORD, saying, “O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray! Strengthen me, I pray, just this once, O God, that I may with one blow take vengeance on the Philistines for my two eyes!”*

1 Peter 4:3 - *For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles—when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries.*

Psalms 90:12 - *So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.*

- iii. Understand The Will Of God.

This is what real wisdom is. It is the contrast to being unwise. Our main understanding of the will of the Lord comes from a good knowledge of His Word.

Matthew 15:10 - *When He had called the multitude to Himself, He said to them, “Hear and understand:*

Proverbs 8:5 - *O you simple ones, understand prudence, and you fools, be of an understanding heart.*

Psalms 119:125 - *I am Your servant; give me understanding, that I may know Your testimonies.*