

Redeeming the Time

Ephesians 5:15 – 17, “See that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be unwise, but understand that the will of the Lord is.”

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Ephesians 5:16, “The days are evil”
Acts 2:40, “Be saved from this
perverse generation.”
Galatians 1:4, “Deliver us from this
present evil age.”
2 Peter 1:4, “Escaped the corruption
that is in the world through lust.”

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Walk circumspectly, wisely.

Wisdom: a promise from God
(Ephesians 1:15 – 18, Colossians
1:9 – 12)

Gained by praying in faith (James 1:5
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Circumspectly –

Acknowledge the legitimate
competitions for your time.

Example: marriage (1 Corinthians 7:32
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Understand what the will of God is –

1 Timothy 2:4, “God desires that all
men be saved and come to a
knowledge of the truth.”

God is not micromanaging.

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God’s objective: a big family that will
last.

Two characteristics necessary in each
family member: mutual trust and
selfless concern (faith and love).

The universe is an incubator for faith.
Love is given (Romans 5:5)

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Colossians 4:5 – 6, “Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time. Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.”

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Major purpose of a wisely spent life: evangelism.

- 2 Corinthians 4 – 5
- 1 Thessalonians 1:8
- 1 Peter 3:15
- Ephesians 3:10
- 1 Corinthians 2:12 - 13

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Evangelism entails speech:

- 2 Corinthians 4:13

Practice what you preach:

- Romans 2:24
- 1 Timothy 6:1
- Titus 2:5

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“Let your speech be with grace”

2 Timothy 2:24, “A servant of God must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, in humility correcting those in opposition.”

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“Seasoned with salt”

- Interesting
- Witty
- Rememberable
- Simple

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“That you will know how to answer each one”

- Adapt to the other person
- Listen
- Find common ground
- Ask questions about weak points

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Characteristics of Faith:

- Resurrection as evidence
- Need for a sacrifice
- The Word is true
- Realistic hope of heaven
- Know and trust God's promises
- Take on the divine nature
- Evangelism
- Growth