

Ephesians: From Death to Life
Walking in Wisdom
Ephesians 5:15-21

We live in a world where our schedules seem relentless. We are busy. It seems that the modern worldview that promised us more leisure time has actually served to create more busyness for us. We have to work twice as long to afford the gadgets that are supposed to save us time. Is there a simpler way to live? Is there meaning to our lives beyond working hard for vacation and eventually retirement?

1. We must redeem the time, wisely.
2. We must understand the will of God.
3. We must be filled with the Spirit.

The gospel of Jesus opens up for us a whole new outlook on life. It teaches us to number our days, understand our limitations and walk wisely, cashing in our time wisely because we don't have much of it. It changes us from the inside out, changing not only our perspective but our actions and attitudes as well. In our conversion (change), the Spirit of God begins to live in us giving us access to the fullness of God's love, light and wisdom. We get to experience God's will for us and His spirit in us. Let's challenge ourselves and encourage each other to walk in a way that reflects the wisdom of God.

Reflection

After reading Ephesians 5:15-21, consider some of the ways that you waste time. Take some time repent and seek God's forgiveness for those moments that we do not redeem wisely. How much of God's will is directing your life? Are there some steps that you can take that may create more opportunities for sanctification? In what ways can you experience a more satisfying, Spirit-filled life? What areas of your life must you consider submitting to others or to God?