

**Not as Fools**  
**Eph 5:15-17**  
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Thesis: I want to show the importance of living a life that is wise in the eyes of God.

Intro: 1. The importance of living a life that is pleasing to God is essential for the Christian.  
2. Paul describes two ways of life; the foolish way or the way of the wise.

I. Walk Circumspectly

A. How do you walk circumspectly?

1. Strong's "exactly, accurately, diligently", definition – unwilling to take risks
2. We walk (live) in a careful way, a way that is accurately following God's Word.
3. You could say living circumspectly isn't living a life that deliberately takes risks with sin (**Heb 11:24-27** – Moses CHOSE a different path).

B. How does a fool walk?

1. Fool, definition (silly); is also defined as a deliberate sinner.
2. Makes sense right, a person who deliberately transgresses God's law (**1 Jn 3:4**, commits sin) is a fool.

II. Redeeming the time

A. What does it mean to "redeem the time"?

1. to make wise and sacred use of every opportunity for doing good, so that zeal and well doing are as it were the purchase money by which we make the time our own (**Col 4:5**).

B. Because the days are evil, "harmful or intending to harm"

1. Because we live in a world that is constantly attempting to harm us spiritual, we must be on guard.
2. We must also strive to reach others at the same time without allowing the world to harm us spiritually.

III. Understand what the will of God is (**Ps 119:104**).

A. Understand

1. To understand means to comprehend to have a complete grasp on what the purpose of something is.

B. What is God's will?

1. Will, "what one wishes or has determined shall be done"  
(**Mt 12:50, Rom 12:2, Heb 13:21, 1 Jn 2:17**)
2. God's will is revealed in the Bible, to show us why to be obedient, how to be obedient, and the rewards of being obedient.

Application & Conclusion:

1. Are you walking as the wise?
2. If you're not walking as the wise you will pay the price of fools.
3. Full Invitation