

Ephesians Series

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Wise Time Management

Ephesians 5:15–16



EPHESIANS
THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

Ephesians 4:1–6:9

How the Believer is to Live Life

The Five Walking Commands

Walk Worthy

Eph. 4:1, “I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,”

Walk Consistent with Our New Identity in Christ

Eph. 4:17, “This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind,”

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Walk in Love

Eph. 5:1, “Therefore be imitators of God as dear children.

Eph. 5:2, “And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.”

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Walk in Light

Eph. 5:8, “For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light!”

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Walk in Wisdom (Ephesians 5:15–6:9)

Eph. 5:15, “See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise,”

Commanded to be filled by means of the Spirit (Eph. 5:18);
Emphasis on worship through singing (Eph. 5:19);
Gratitude to God for all things (Eph. 5:20);
Mutual submission to live in harmony (Eph. 5:21);
Family life (Eph. 5:22–6:9)

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Eph. 5:16, “[by] redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

Eph. 5:17, “Therefore **do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.**

Eph. 5:18, “**And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, ...”**

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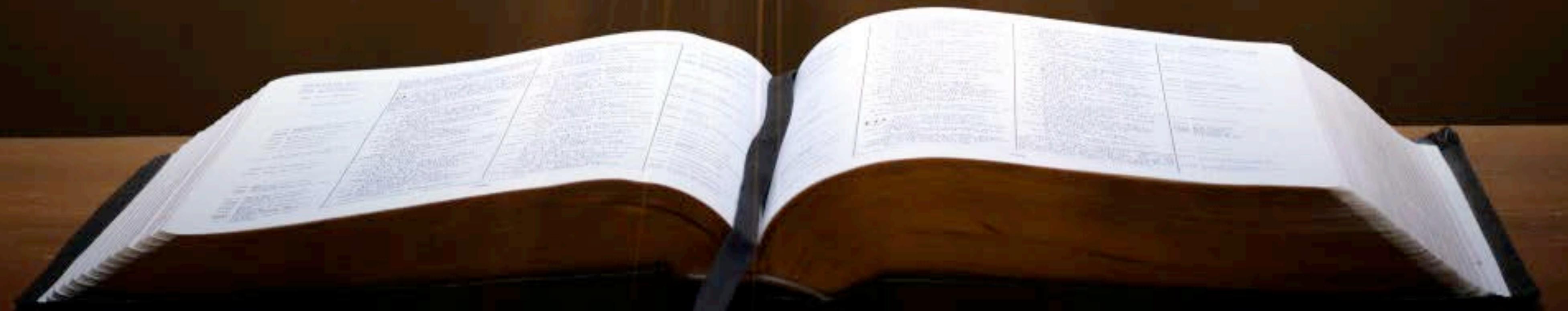
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Col. 4:5, “Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, by redeeming the time.”

What the Bible Teaches About

Wise Management of Our Time



1. The time we have on earth is a limited, finite resource.
Psa. 90 encourages us to evaluate how we will spend
that time.

Psa. 90:10, “The days of our lives are seventy years; And if by reason of strength they are eighty years, yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; For it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

Psa. 90:11, “Who knows the power of Your anger? For as the fear of You, so is Your wrath.

Psa. 90:12, “So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.”

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Luke 2:52, “And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.”

Wisdom: skillful living based on the Word of God.

Stature: physical growth, nourishment, exercise.

Favor with God: spiritual life.

And men: marriage, family, friends, other believers.

3. Mark out your days and times.

**God: reading, memorizing, internalizing, prayer,
application**

Family: time with spouses, children

Work: comprises most of our time

Recreation, exercise

Education

Advancement