

Living Wisely- Eph. 5:15-21

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I. Plan your life

Eph. 5:15 Look carefully **then** how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,

Psa. 90:10 **The years of our life** are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; **they are soon gone, and we fly away.**

Psa. 90:12 So **teach us to number our days** that we may get a heart of **wisdom.**

Psa. 90:17 Let **the favor of the Lord our God** be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, **establish the work of our hands!**

II. Manage your time

Eph. 5:16 making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.

1. Determine the areas of your calling - work, family, church & personal life.
2. Divide the negotiable and non-negotiable aspects of your calling areas
3. Schedule in the non-negotiable aspects of your callings.
4. Wisely determine which negotiable aspects of your callings will be scheduled in.
5. Have a sense of calling in each moment as you live in different areas of your calling.

III. Know God's will

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

Deut. 29:29 "**The secret things** belong to the LORD our God, but **the things that are revealed** belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.

IV. Be filled with God's power

Eph. 5:18 And **do not get drunk with wine,** for that is debauchery, but **be filled with the Spirit,**

Imperative
Passive
Plural
Present tense

A. Singing

Eph. 5:19 addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, **singing** and making melody to the Lord with your heart,

B. Thanksgiving

Eph. 5:20 **giving thanks** always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

C. Serving

Eph. 5:21 **submitting** to one another out of reverence for Christ.