

*Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Ephesians 5:15-17 (ESV)*

## To Do List

I know that I have wasted a lot of time. I have allowed my life to be sucked into massive time wasters. I have been unwise. I have foolishly spent large portions of my life on what will be of no value and amount to nothing. I need your help. I need your wisdom. I need your strength. **Why is that?** I know that my life will not go on forever. I have a very limited amount of time to live my life on this earth. **That's right.** I can't afford to be wasting time if I want my life to amount to anything. **What do you mean by that?** I want to bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. I want to be busy doing what will amount to something that will be valuable for all eternity. I want to know and do your will. **That's good.**

**Why do you think you need my wisdom in determining how you use your time?** I don't think I will know how to use my time well without your help. Obviously, I can eliminate the obvious time wasters like spending hour upon hour watching television or searching the internet. There is little to no lasting and eternal value there. **That's right.** I know that you have good works planned for me to do for you. **That's right.** I am quite certain, that those good works that you have prepared for me to do for you have seldom, if ever, appeared on what has been my day after day urgent "to do" list. **That's a very good point. If you always completed your urgent "to do list" you may still miss doing what I have called you to do for me. Do you know why that is?** Yes, I have raced frantically through life trying to complete my urgent and daily "to do list". **What has not been on your urgent "to do" list?** Taking time to know your will has never appeared on my "to do list". Asking for your wisdom to know how I can better use my time has never been on my "to do list". Asking you to help me bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name has never been on my "to do list". **Do you think it is time to reprioritize your "to do list?"** Yes, I do. Will you help me to reprioritize my "to do list" so that I will be able to know and do your will? **Yes, I will.**

*Lord, I have wasted a lot of valuable time. Forgive me. Help me to evaluate how I use my time. Give me strength to eliminate from my life what is wasting the time I have been given. I want to walk wisely and use my time well as I love, follow and serve you. Amen*

**Gods Will***How You Walk*

Be very careful, then, how you live--not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

NIV

Ephesians 5:15-17

**Gods Will***How You Walk*

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

ESV

Ephesians 5:15-17

**Gods Will***How You Walk*

So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do.

NLT

Ephesians 5:15-17

**Gods Will***How You Walk*

See then 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 what the will of the Lord is.

NKJV

Ephesians 5:15-17

**Gods Will***How You Walk*

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

NRSV

Ephesians 5:15-17

**Gods Will***How You Walk*

So watch your step. Use your head. Make the most of every chance you get. These are desperate times! Don't live carelessly, unthinkingly. Make sure you understand what the Master wants.

MSG

Ephesians 5:15-17

**Gods Will***How You Walk*

Look carefully then how you walk! Live purposefully *and* worthily *and* accurately, not as the unwise *and* witless, but as wise (sensible, intelligent people), Making the very most of the time [buying up each opportunity], because the days are evil. Therefore do not be vague *and* thoughtless *and* foolish, but understanding *and* firmly grasping what the will of the Lord is.

AMP

Ephesians 5:15-17

**Gods Will***How You Walk*

So be careful how you act; these are difficult days. Don't be fools; be wise: make the most of every opportunity you have for doing good. Don't act thoughtlessly, but try to find out and do whatever the Lord wants you to.

TLB

Ephesians 5:15-17

**Gods Will***How You Walk*

Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil. So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

NASB

Ephesians 5:15-17

**Gods Will***How You Walk*

So be very careful how you live. Do not live like those who are not wise, but live wisely. Use every chance you have for doing good, because these are evil times. So do not be foolish but learn what the Lord wants you to do.

NCV

Ephesians 5:15-17

# How You Walk

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**God's Will** – Ephesians 5:15-17

**In Context:** *Read Ephesians 5*

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

**Meditating On God's Word:** ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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**Considering The Words:** ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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**Praying The Scripture:** ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, I have wasted a lot of valuable time. Forgive me. Help me to evaluate how I use my time. Give me strength to eliminate from my life what is wasting the time I have been given. I want to walk wisely and use my time well as I love, follow and serve you. Amen

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**What It Means:** ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

What are some foolish ways that you have been wasting your valuable time?

What evil might try to steer you off course so that you foolishly wasted your life?

**What foolish time wasters will you eliminate from your life so you can better use your time?**

How are you evaluating your use of the time you have been given?

Why will you never have time to do what is important in life if you don't carefully use your time?

**What do you think the Lord wants you to do with the valuable time He has given to you?**

**How are you making a concerted effort to know and do the Lord's will with the time you have been given?**

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**Living It Out:** ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Look carefully how you walk so that you will wisely make the best use of the time as you follow and serve the Lord.

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**Seeing It Happen:** ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord will give you wisdom in the way that you walk so you can make the best use of the time.

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**Get Ready To Share:** ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how you are wisely making the best use of the time as a Christ follower.

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**Close With Prayer:**

***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you look very carefully how you walk so you will make the best use of the time.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, help me to look carefully how I walk so I will make the best use of the time.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, how can I make the best use of the time as I love, follow and serve you?*

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