

Living Accurately!

It's been said there's a right way and a wrong way to do everything!

Well there's a right way and a wrong way to live life!

KJV Ephesians 5:15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,

16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

The apostle Paul says we should **walk circumspectly** because the days are evil. Paul wrote this letter to the church over 1900 years ago.

The word **walk** is symbolic of how we live and our way of life!

The word **evil** here means “**full of labor, annoyances and hardships.**”

Before the telephone, computers, automobiles, airplanes and the internet were invented—life was full of labor, annoyances & hardships.

It's a **dangerous** world we live in, there are land mines everywhere so we must **walk carefully** into each day and every situation.

So Paul says—“**redeem the time**”!

That means “**make the most of every opportunity** because life on earth can be dangerous.”

We must take advantage of every God given moment using them to glorify God and build His Kingdom.

Redeeming suggests “**buying or taking back**” we must take back are freedom—our time!

➤ Not doing so Paul says is “**unwise and foolish**”!

Paul uses the word **fool** as a synonym for being **unskillful and ineffective** and the word **wise** as a synonym to **accuracy and success!**

The word **fool** is the Greek word **aw-so-phos** while wise is **sophos!**

Sophos means being skillful while **asophos** is being without skill!

Being **unskillful** doesn't mean incapable, handicapped or inept!

It basically means unwilling to practice long enough to gain the proper understanding and usage of a thing—in our case The Word of God!

ESV Hebrews 5:13 for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child.

Unskilled here is **inexperienced!** Paul uses the word **child or babe** to illustrate the level of experience.

➤ So the apostle Paul says it's crucial for us to **live accurately** so we don't live our lives perceived as **childish ineffective fools**.

Because anything less than **accuracy** is **ineffective!**

So the \$1 Million dollar question is “how do we live accurately?”

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Again **walk** in the Bible represents “**how we live** or **our way of life.**”

The word **circumspect** here means “**to be watchful, observe our surroundings to avoid errors that lead to setbacks and failure.**”

In short **circumspect** means to be **accurate!**

❖ **Accuracy** is the state of being extremely precise, conforming to a standard, being true and correct!

Being wise is being skillful, trained and experienced in The Word of God using it **accurately** and getting good results.

People resist **accurate living** because **accuracy** requires **time, discipline, strictness** and **attention to detail!**

Here are a few jobs that **require accuracy** and **extreme attention to detail.**

A surgeon, accountant, architect, pharmacist and astronaut!

Jobs that require the least amount of attention to detail are:

Janitor, garbage collector, lawn care, plumber and cooks.

First of all there's absolutely nothing wrong with working any of these jobs—however consider the level of training each job requires?

What you probably thought next was the salaries of these jobs!

The jobs that pay the most are those that require the **most accuracy!** Things that require **accuracy** fewer people have the skill to do!

Also jobs that require **strict accuracy** are the most serious, dangerous and important jobs on the planet.

❖ **Life is a job!** A vocation, duty and a responsibility!

A job is defined as something people are obligated to do!

We are obligated to do something with our lives that glorify God!

KJV Job 14:1 Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble.

➤ **In other words life is short but full of challenges!**

Since life is short, serious and so much work, why not live accurately!

It means being taught Kingdom Principles from The Word of God!

ESV Psalm 119:5 Oh that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!

6 *Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.*

Living accurately keeps guilt, shame and disappointment from us!

➤ **The opposite of accurate living is careless living!**

Paul calls **careless living unwise and foolish!**

Accurate Living raises our standard of living and improves our value and self-worth!

1 Chronicles 12:32 Of Issachar, men who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do..!

Issachar means “**there is reward**” people with understanding of the times know how benefit from them because they know what to do!

NIV Ephesians 5:17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

When we live **accurately** according to The Word of God it allows us to make good decisions and take advantage of opportunities that most miss.

We understand the times and know what to do!

You young people live **accurately** NOW! Because there are somethings you cannot get back once it's gone!

For many of us if we stop now and begin to **live accurately** we can get back the health, wealth, peace of mind and joy we lost when we lived **carelessly**.