

# Walking in the Lord's Will

Life in Christ: Wealth, Walk, Warfare (Ephesians) – Part 118

Ephesians 5:17 (part two)

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Therefore, take heed<sup>1</sup> carefully how<sup>2</sup> you walk, not as unwise but as wise,<sup>16</sup> buying back the time,<sup>3</sup> because the days are wicked. <sup>17</sup>For this *reason*, do not become unthinking fools,<sup>4</sup> but *instead* comprehend what the will of the Lord is.

(Ephesians 5:15-17 DJP)

## Introduction:

### I. Comprehending God's Moral (Revealed) Will: \_\_\_\_\_

#### A. Pr\_\_\_\_: To Make a \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ ing Decision

1. Scripture

Psalm 119:18

Psalm 119:32–33

Ephesians 1:17-19

Colossians 1:9-10 DJP – [Paul prayed constantly] that you might be filled with the full knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and comprehension,<sup>10</sup> to walk worthily of the Lord so as to please Him in every way, in every good work bearing fruit, and growing in the full knowledge of God.

2. Thoughts

#### B. Study God's Pr\_\_\_\_\_: To Make a \_\_\_\_\_ Decision

1. Commit to a lifetime of \_\_\_\_\_ and growth (John 8:31–32)

2. Commit to a lifetime of \_\_\_\_\_ ing knowledge of our triune God  
John 17:3

2 Peter 3:18

3. Commit to learning where God has \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_  
Matthew 28:19–20

John 14:15

John 15:9b–10

**See also:** John 14:21, 23; 15:14; 1 John 2:4; 5:3

#### C. Apply God's Pr\_\_\_\_\_: To Make a \_\_\_\_\_ Decision

1. Scripture

1 Corinthians 7:8–9

Colossians 4:5

<sup>1</sup> Literally *see*, that is *look to*.

<sup>2</sup> Many Greek manuscripts switch two words, reading *how carefully*.

<sup>3</sup> Or *season, opportunity* (Gk *kairos*).

<sup>4</sup> Or *senseless*.

Proverbs 16:16

2. Thoughts

**D. Pr \_\_\_\_\_ As Your \_\_\_\_\_**

1. Scripture: Proverbs 16:1, 9

2. Thoughts

**II. Comprehending God's Moral (Revealed) Will: \_\_\_\_\_**

**A. Essential \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_**

1. Considering \_\_\_\_\_

a. Prayer

b. Precepts

c. Principles

i. From a *man's* perspective:

Proverbs 11:22; 27:15–16; 31:30

ii. From a *woman's* perspective:

Proverbs 10:4; 14:26–27; 16:32; 19:19

d. Praise

2. Considering a \_\_\_\_\_

a. Prayer

b. Precepts

• church's **inventor**, Jesus: Matthew 16

• church's **prime directive**, making **disciples** for Jesus: Matthew 28

• church's **center, Jesus** via His Word: Colossians 3:16

• church's **agenda**: 1 Tim. 3; Titus 1; Hebrews 13

c. Principles

d. Praise

**B. Essential \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_**

1. What we think

2. What God says

3. What we must do