Our lives are made up of many little decisions each and every day. Each and every choice can be a choice to submit to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Or it can be a decision to do what I want and to and to turn away from the prompting and guidance of God's Word. Paul warns the Ephesian church that the days are evil. Well, that has not changed, the days are still evil and getting worse. Let's look at his command to the church together.

Ephesians 5:15-17 (ESV) Look carefully then <u>how you walk</u>, not as unwise but as wise, [16] making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. [17] Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

Ephesians 5:15-17 (Phillips) <u>Live life</u>, then, with a due sense of responsibility, not as men who do not know the meaning and purpose of life but as those who do. Make the best use of your time, despite all the difficulties of these days. Don't be vague but firmly grasp what you know to be the will of God.

How we walk, or how we live our daily lives is of critical importance. God wants us to be WISE and to use the time that He gives us well. Being wise and foolish are contrasted; wisdom is making the best use of our time and foolishness is not seeking to understand God's Will. This is important because the days are evil.

Bible Knowledge Commentary ~ "...to walk (**live**) carefully, so as to be **wise** or skillful and thus please the Lord. The *manner* for this careful, precise walk is **making the** right use **of every opportunity**, and the *reason* for this careful walk is that **the days are evil.** Many are walking in sin, and since the time is short believers must make full use of their time to help turn them from darkness to light."

PRAYER: Lord God, help me to be WISE in the decisions I make today. May I think, talk and act in ways that bring You Glory! May I WALK side by side with You.

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