

# NAVIGATING ANOTHER YEAR

## Ephesians 5:15-17

Context: Paul writes to the Ephesian church to encourage and admonish them

Walk in humility

Walk in unity

Walk in uniqueness—different from the world

Walk in love

Walk in light

Walk in wisdom

# Three Principles to Navigate the Coming Year and the Rest of our Lives

1. Walk Carefully "Walk circumspectly," (v. 15)

two Latin words that mean to look around

Watch and look around

Live with exactness

Life principles governing how we interact

Jesus said that the gate was narrow that leads to  
life and the path is constricted

Matthew 7:13-14

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Walk with wisdom; "not as fools but as wise"

Not speaking of intellectual acumen—how  
many degrees you have

It's the application of knowledge

Psalm 14:1

"No God," I don't want God in my life

You can be a theological Christian and a  
practical atheist

# Knowledge is Good

Hosea 4:6

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge."

2 Peter 3:18

Grow in grace and knowledge of Christ

Knowledge should be converted into wisdom by its application

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2. Watch faithfully "redeeming the time" (v. 16)

Psalm 90:10

In biblical times,  
the average life span was 70 years  
4586 days = 70 years

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Psalm 39:4

"Lord, remind me how brief my time on earth will be. Remind me that my days are numbered—how fleeting my life is."

*People* magazine said a man has 75 years =  
6411 days

2. Watch Faithfully "redeeming the time" (v. 16)

Jesus said, "I must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work." John 9:4

James 4:14

Life is a vapor, people are taken suddenly

2. Watch Faithfully "redeeming the time" (v. 16)

John 10:10

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.



People who had opportunities but evil days got  
the better of them

Noah preached for years, then the flood

Genesis 7

Parable about the five wise virgins and the five  
foolish virgins Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus stood and wept over Jerusalem

Luke 19:41-44

Judas Iscariot forfeited his own soul

2. Watch Faithfully "redeeming the time" (v. 16)

We get so caught up with things that we lose site  
of the eternal perspective

Since "time flies" it's up to you to be the  
navigator

### 3. Work Thoughtfully

"Do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is." v. 17

2 Corinthians 5:7

Walk by faith not by sight

# Five areas that the Bible reveals exactly what God Wants?

1. God wants unsaved people  
to become saved people

2 Peter 3:9

1 Timothy 2:4

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2. God wants saved people to become holy  
people

Especially in the area of their sexual morality

1 Thessalonians 4:3

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3. God wants holy people to be humble

Submissive the spiritual and governmental  
authority

1 Peter 2:13

# Five areas that the Bible reveals exactly what God Wants?

4. Sometimes God wants saved, holy, humble  
people to suffer

1 Peter 2-4

# Five areas that the Bible reveals exactly what God Wants?

5. God wants all people to be thankful

1 Thessalonians 5:18

George Müller

"90% of our problems are solved when we are  
ready to do the will of God whatever it might  
be."



## An Irish Prayer

"During the new year may you have enough happiness to keep you sweet, enough trials to keep you strong, enough sorrow to keep you human, enough hope to keep you happy, enough failure to keep you humble, enough success to keep you eager, enough friends to give you comfort,

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enough wealth to meet your needs, enough enthusiasm to make you look forward to tomorrow, and enough determination to make each day better than the day before."