



Sunday, November 24, 2019

## MAKE A QUIET COMMITMENT:

- QUIET your mind and soul before the LORD — *“Be still, and know that I am God”* (Psalm 46:10)
- COMMIT to obedience: *Commit* to doing whatever God will say to you in this message — *“to obey is better than sacrifice”* (1 Samuel 15:22)

### I. The **WEALTH** of the Believer (1:1-3:21)

### II. The **WALK** of the Believer (4:1-6:9)

#### A. Walk **WORTHY**—**VERTICALLY** before **GOD** (4:1-32)

#### B. Walk **WORTHY**—**HORIZONTALLY** toward **OTHERS** (5:1-6:9)

##### 1. Walk in **LOVE** **DISPLAYING** the **LOVE** of **CHRIST** (5:1-2)

We are to love like our heavenly Father by imitating the sacrificial love of our Savior.

##### 2. Walk in **LIGHT** **REFLECTING** the **LIGHT** of **CHRIST** (5:3-14)

Paul turns to our influence—we are now called upon to walk in light in the way that we love. In this passage, Paul, once again, lays out the contrasting walk. He reminded us of **WHO WE WERE** and then reminded us of **WHO WE ARE**. He spoke of the **DARKNESS OF THE WORLD** contrasted with the **LIGHT OF CHRIST**.

**Ephesians 5:8** For ye were sometimes darkness, but now *are ye* light in the **Lord**: walk as children of light:

##### 3. Walk in **WISDOM** in the **WORD** of **CHRIST** (5:15-17)

Wisdom is not only knowing what is right but choosing to do what is right. It is the right application of knowledge.

To live as *“salt”* and *“light”* in our Jerusalem is to diligently live the 2 Timothy 3:16-17 life.

**2 Timothy 3:16-17** All scripture is given by inspiration of **God**, and is profitable [*beneficial*] for doctrine [*teaching what is truth*], for reproof [*conviction of sin / exposing what is wrong*], for correction [*how to make the wrong right*], for instruction in righteousness [*how to stay right*]: **17** That the man of **God** may be perfect, throughly furnished [*equipped fully*] unto all good works.

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a. Being **CAREFUL** how you **WALK** (5:15-16)

i. Be wise in your **WAYS** (5:15)

**“See then that ye walk circumspectly,...” (Eph 5:15)** – This word *“circumspectly”* speaks of being cautious & accurate. It is a call to vigilance.

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**“...not as fools, but as wise.” (Eph 5:15)** – This word translated *“fool”* speaks of one who is mindless. The *“fool”* lives his own way and does not care about God’s way or anyone else’s.

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**Proverbs 1:22** How long, ye simple ones [*naive*], will ye love simplicity? and the scornors [*mockers*] delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge?

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Paul contrasts the *“fool”* with the *“wise.”* Whereas *“fools hate knowledge”* (Pro 1:22), the *“wise”* man submits to God in the *“fear of the LORD”* (Pro 1:7) which is where true wisdom begins.

**Colossians 4:5** Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.

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ii. Be wise with your **DAYS** (5:16)

**“Redeeming the time,...” (Eph 5:16)** – *“Redeeming the time”* is being aware of brevity of life and our need to use our time wisely—efficiently and effectively.

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**Galatians 6:10** As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all *men*, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

**“...because the days are evil.” (Eph 5:16)** – The *“days are evil”* in that there are many hardships and difficulties.

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**Ecclesiastes 3:10** I have seen the travail, which **God** hath given to the sons of men to be exercised [*humbled*] in it.

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**Psalms 39:4** “**LORD**, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is [*how short my life really is*]; that I may know how frail I am.

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b. By **COMPREHENDING GOD’S WILL** (5:17)

“Wherefore be ye not unwise...” (**Eph 5:17**) – To be “unwise” is to be mindless and act without reason. **PAUL COMMANDS US TO REFUSE THE WAY OF THE FOOL.**

“...but understanding what the will of the Lord is.” (**Eph 5:17**) – Having “understanding” literally is to put together—it is to comprehend intellectually.

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Consider what God reveals in His Word regarding His “will” or “what is acceptable unto the Lord.” (1 Peter 2:20; 1 Thessalonians 5:18)

**Romans 12:1-2** I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of **God**, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto **God**, *which is your reasonable service.* **2** And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of **God**.

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**Hebrews 12:28** Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve **God** acceptably with reverence and Godly fear:

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**Psalms 119:27** Make me to understand the way of **Thy** Precepts: so shall I talk of **Thy** wondrous works.

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Our **WORTHY WALK** is explained by **WALKING IN WISDOM**. It is God’s will that a believer walks in obedience by **DISPLAYING HIS LOVE** (v. 1-2) and **REFLECTING HIS LIGHT** (v. 3-14). We must be **CAREFUL** to faithfully apply these truths always seeking God’s Word to **COMPREHEND** His perfect will.

**What is my next step?** Please consider doing the questions on the back of this page.

## What Is My Next Step?

**Hearing** — Giving *attention* to God's Word with the intent to obey it — James 1:21-25

**Doing** — Making *application* of God's Word to be more like Christ — Eph. 4:22-24

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Text: \_\_\_\_\_ Speaker: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What did God show **me** that **I** must confess and forsake because it does not reflect Christ and hurts **my** relationship with Him and others? (***Put OFF SIN***)
2. What did God show **me** about Himself in this text? (***Renew your mind***)
  - a. What is He like?
  - b. What does He like?
  - c. What does He dislike?
3. What does God say to me in this text? (***Renew your mind***)
  - a. What command to obey?
  - b. What promise to claim?
  - c. What principle to apply (*If I do \_\_\_\_\_, then God will do \_\_\_\_\_*)?
  - d. What example to follow?
4. What verse(s) should **I** memorize and meditate upon through-out this week to help make **my** change lasting? (***Renew your mind***)
5. In light of what **I** have heard from God, ... (***Put ON CHRIST***)
  - a. What character quality of Jesus must **I** demonstrate *with God's help* this week?
  - b. In what situations will **I** most likely be tempted not to respond in a Christ-like way?
  - c. How can **I** get ready for those situations? (*If I don't have a plan for change, it probably won't happen.*)



OUR MISSION: Supremely love GOD,  
Sacrificially love others  
—ALL to the GLORY of GOD!