

Make The Most of a New Year

Eph 5:1-20; (15-20)

1. Intro

1. How will we do this year? Will we be going faster, doing more, trying to juggle all things.
2. Will we evaluate how we live; evaluating our time and maybe managing it better.
3. Paul has just given some thoughts on how a Christian should live.
 1. Follow after Christ.
 2. Stay away from certain things.
4. Which brings us to our passage today.

2. How Do We Live?

1. Consider how you live. (walk) (15a)
 1. Pay attention; evaluate.
2. We are to be wise, not foolish. (15b)
 1. Foolish - behave contrary to what you know to be right.
 2. Reflect back upon what has just been brought to our attention. (3-4)
3. We need to develop a heart of wisdom

3. Make The Most of Every Opportunity

1. We have only so much time. (16)
 1. Ps 39:4; 90:10
2. If you live to 80 how many days do you have left?
 1. For those over 80 it is borrowed time.
3. There are many good things that we can do and need to be done.
 1. In doing these things does worry and anxiety get in the way?
4. God desires that we spend some time with Him.
5. The days are evil.
 1. Full of annoyances, hardships, pain and trouble.
 1. Will these things get in the way of how we should live?

4. Know The Lord's Will

1. Think things through. (17)
 1. How is your relationship with Jesus?
2. Live in the fulness of the Spirit. (18)
 1. A fool gets drunk.
 2. A wise person lifts up their heart with the Spirit.
3. Be thankful. (20)

5. Conclusion

1. Life is given to us that we may know Jesus Christ—trust Him, love Him, serve Him, be like Him.
2. We have been bought and paid for, let us evaluate our life in light of that.