

Let Us Redeem the Time

(Ephesians 5:15-17)

Introduction:

1. This morning our lesson was based on the admonition in vs.15 to "*walk circumspectly*" [to live and conduct ourselves in a way that pleases the Lord].
2. This evening we are focusing on the admonition in vs.16 to "redeem the time" [to make the best use of our time].
3. To redeem the time we must:
 - a. avoid foolishness and pursue wisdom
 - b. properly understand the Lord's will.
4. In our lesson we are pointing out 5 foolish ways to use time and 5 wise ways to use time.

Discussion:

- I. 5 FOOLISH WAYS TO USE TIME [ACTIVITIES TO AVOID]
 - A. #1: Looking back (Luke 9:62; 17:32)
 - B. #2: Loving the world (2 Timothy 4:10; 1 John 2:15-17)
 - C. #3: Listening to false teachers (1 John 4:1; Matthew 7:15-20)
 - D. #4: Worry (Matthew 6:31-32, 34; Philippians 4:6)
 - E. #5: Murmuring (Philippians 2:14; 1 Corinthians 10:10)
- II. 5 WISE WAYS TO USE TIME [ACTIVITIES TO PURSUE]
 - A. #1: Study and meditate upon God's Word (Psalm 119:97; 19:7-11)
 - B. #2: Speak properly (Proverbs 25:11; Matthew 12:35-37)
 - C. #3: Maintain proper priorities (Matthew 6:33)
 - D. #4: Maintain a spirit of optimism (Philippians 4:13)
 - E. #5: Think on the proper things (Philippians 4:8)

Conclusion:

1. As Ephesians 5:16b says: "*the days are evil.*"
2. Because we live in a time when evil is widespread, let us "walk circumspectly" and "redeem the time."