

May 2014 Theme: Walk in Him

Text: Ephesians 5:15

WALK CIRCUMSPECTLY

(I) THE DEFINITION OF BEING CIRCUMSPECT - WISE

“Circumspectly...” Ephesians 5:15

1. Clarity (Proverbs 4:18)
2. Certainty (Proverbs 3:23)
3. Calmness (Proverbs 3:17)
4. Carefulness (Proverbs 5:26-27)

(II) THE CONCEPT OF THE PERIPATETIC PRINCIPLE

“See then that you walk...” Ephesians 5:15

1. “Peripateo” means “to live by following”
2. Walking by following a teacher
3. Learning through walking with Jesus
4. The Lord Jesus’ call to follow Him (John 8:12, 12:35)

(III) THE PERIPATETIC PRINCIPLE OF WALKING CIRCUMSPECTLY

“See then that you walk circumspectly...” Ephesians 5:15

1. Walking and being circumspect to be combined
2. Walking circumspectly to be seen as a command
3. Walking circumspectly to be a continuous endeavour

(IV) THE PERSONAL REASONS FOR THE PERIPATETIC PRINCIPLE OF LIVING CIRCUMSPECTLY

1. Seeking to be dear children of God

*“Therefore, be imitators of God as dear children.” **Ephesians 5:1***

2. Preventing the possibility of going back to our old foolish ways

*“Not as fools...therefore do not be unwise...” **Ephesians 5:15, 17***

3. Guarding against the powerful influence of the evil one

*“Because the days are evil....” **Ephesians 5:16***

*“That you may be able to withstand in the evil day...” **Ephesians 6:13***

(V) THE PRACTICE OF THE PERIPETATIC PRINCIPLE OF WALKING CIRCUMSPECTLY

1. Live with growing wisdom

*“But as wise....” **Ephesians 5:15***

2. Live with greater urgency

*“Redeeming the time....” **Ephesians 5:15** cf. **Colossians 4:5***

3. Live with greater understanding of the will of God

*“But understand what the will of the Lord is.” **Ephesians 5:17***

4. Live with the Spirit of God filling us

*“But be filled with the Spirit.” **Ephesians 5:18***

- a) Fellowship
- b) Singing to the Lord
- c) Giving thanks to God
- d) Submitting to each other