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**The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.**

**Eph. 5:15-17** *Be very careful, then, how you live--not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the LORD's will is. (NIV)*

When we know the LORD and have a relationship with Him, we are compelled by His Spirit to walk in Him. If we choose not to, scripture calls us unwise or foolish. All people have a god. It isn't a question of if they worship, but instead it is a question of who they worship. Everyone bows down somewhere to something or someone. You either worship the one true God, or you worship false gods. The fool becomes his own god. Today's passage warns us to be careful, then, how we live. It means to stop and give this some thought on a daily, continual basis. How often do we base decisions on irrational or emotional thinking? We need to think these decisions through with the leading of the Spirit of God. This leads us to wisdom, which is seeing things from God's perspective. James reminds us in **James 1:22-25** *Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it--not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it--they will be blessed in what they do. (NIV)* This is being careful how you live--not as unwise but as wise. He then goes on in **3:13-17** *Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. (NIV)*

**Dear LORD, we need Your help as we live as wise and not unwise people. We need to make the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Please give us Your wisdom for this day. In Jesus Name, Amen**