

Today's scripture teaches God's children who have been saved on how to live their lives by saying "redeem the time." Verses 15 and 16 state that, because we have been saved and reborn as Christians, we should "walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil."

The Greek word used for "redeem" in "redeem the time" is "exagorazo," which means "to buy" or "to redeem." English translations of today's scripture often render it as redeem, rescue, or make use of the time.

How specifically can we, as saved children of God, redeem and make use of our time?

First, we must discern the Lord's will (verse 17).

Living according to worldly values, trends, or merely our own desires can lead to a foolish life. Not knowing the Lord's will means living according to our whims, which results in living with wrong focus and purpose. Discerning and fulfilling God's will is living wisely before Him. Knowing the Lord's will helps us understand what is most important in life and what we ought to do. Knowing His will leads us down the path He has prepared, making our time significant and full of life from God's perspective.

Second, we must be filled with the Holy Spirit (verse 18).

To redeem the time wisely, God's saved people must be filled with the Holy Spirit. Verse 17 commands us to discern the Lord's will and be filled with the Holy Spirit. Being filled with the Holy Spirit means being completely controlled by Him. Without careful attention, our lives can easily be controlled by something else. The passage warns against being drunk with wine, as it can control us similarly. When the Holy Spirit controls us, our thoughts, words, and actions are transformed into those of wise faith. To avoid wasting time foolishly, pray for the Holy Spirit to govern your heart, mind, and actions. Be conscious of the Spirit and take steps of obedience following Him.

Third, we must live with thanksgiving and praise (verses 19-20).

Finally, as saved children of God, we must live with thanksgiving and praise to redeem the time wisely. Verse 19 encourages us to respond to one another with psalms and hymns. Without attention, we tend to complain, grumble, and harbor resentment, which leads to regret and wasted time. The passage calls us to answer each other with songs and thanks. Who we associate with greatly influences our time. Being with people who give thanks and praise God together helps us redeem and make the most of our time.

Bible Memorization

A VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“Do not get drunk with wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.” (Ephesians 5:18)

Bible Reading

5/20(Mon)	5/21(Tue)	5/22(Wed)	5/23(Thur)	5/24(Fri)	5/25(Sat)	5/26(Sun)
1 Chronicles 22-24	1 Chronicles 25-27	1 Chronicles 28-29	2 Chronicles 1-4	2 Chronicles 5-7	2 Chronicles 8-10	2 Chronicles 11-14

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Quiet Time Passage

5/20(Mon)	5/21(Tue)	5/22(Wed)	5/23(Thur)	5/24(Fri)	5/25(Sat)	5/26(Sun)
1 Kings 19:1-10	1 Kings 19:11-18	1 Kings 20:1-12	1 Kings 20:13-25	1 Kings 20:26-34	1 Kings 20:35-43	1 Kings 21:17-29

Sharing Questions

1. Share any new insights or grace you received from today's message.

2. Reflect on your life through the lens of today's scripture: Are you living wisely or foolishly?

3. Share specific resolutions to live the life God desires and pray together.