

## Fireproof Sermon Series Part 5 – Fireproof Your Walk

### Ephesians 5:15-17 (NASB)

**Psalm 14:1** – The fool says in his heart, there is no God.

**Proverbs 14:12** – There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.

**Big Question – How is your walk with Jesus today?**  
**Big Idea – If You Play With Fire You Will Get Burned**

### Three Steps in Fireproofing Your Walk

#### Step #1 – Walk Wisely

- **Ephesians 5:15** – Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise...
- **2 Corinthians 5:7 (NIV)** – We live by faith, not by sight.
- **Colossians 2:6-8 (NASB)** – Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ.
- **Key Point** – The key point that we examine here is that a believer has been called to walk wisely in the Lord. Many people believe that all they have to do is just read their Bible and go to church and they will be a strong Christian but God reminds us that our faith is not about following a checklist of rules and trying to meet quotas on a daily basis. Our walk with the Lord must be done purposely and wisely.

#### Step #2 – Walk Purposefully

- **Ephesians 5:16** – ...making the most of your time, because the days are evil.
- **Key Words or Phrases**
  - **Time** – Paul did not use the term **chronos** here which would denote a regular set of time such as hours, minutes, and seconds. He used the term **kairos** which describes a measured, allocated, fixed season. This basically means that God has set boundaries for our time upon this earth. Even though we may not know the exact hour that we will depart from this earth God has known since the beginning of time and so Paul urges us to literally:
  - **Making the most of** – The term here is **exagorazo** which carries the meaning of buying back or buying out. It was commonly used of buying a slave in order to set him free thus we see the idea of redemption in these words.
  - We are to redeem all the time we have and devote it to the Lord.
- **James 4:13-14** – <sup>13</sup>Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." <sup>14</sup>Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.
- **Key Point** – The key point that we examine here is that a believer has been called to walk in a right relationship with the Lord based on their own choice our purposely walk in the will of the Lord. Walking with the Lord is something that we must choose, it is not something that happens naturally because we are such great people.

**Step #3 – Walk in the Will of the Lord**

- **Ephesians 5:17** – So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.
- **1 Thessalonians 4:3a,7** – It is God's will that you should be sanctified...For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life.
- **Romans 6:4 (NASB)** – Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.
- **Key Point** – The key point that we examine here is that a believer has been called to walk in the will of the Lord. I have heard many people tell me through the course of my ministry that they just did not know what the will of the Lord was for their life. This cannot be found unless you are walking in the will of the Lord which means that you must literally be walking in His Word, kneeling before Him in prayer, and seeking to hear His voice during the course of the day. God will direct us, guide, and lead us as we choose to humble ourselves before Him and seek His will above all else.

**Question to Consider**

- *Describe your walk with the Lord. Strengths and weaknesses.*
- *How can you improve your walk?*

**Memory Verse**

**Ephesians 5:15-16** –Be very careful, then, how you live--not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

**Challenge**

**Fireproof Challenge** – Begin reading through and studying the book of Ephesians with the focus of learning how to fireproof your life, eternity, marriage or relationships, and your walk with God.

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