

EPHESIANS

5:15-17

WISE UP & WALK WITH JESUS

In the Old Testament book of **Proverbs**, God tells us that in life there are three distinct kinds of humans. Now God's categorization of people has nothing to do with one's race, gender, attractiveness, or economic status. Rather, the Lord classifies all of us according to our level of spiritual insight and understanding. The first category is that of the **rebellious fool**. This is the person who gets lost *in* life because he follows his own ways *through* life. The second category is the **naïve simpleton**. This person gets lost *in* life going *through* life because he doesn't know who to follow or which way he's even going. The saddest thing about both these types of folks is that most don't realize they are lost! The third category is the only one worth being part of. These are the **spiritually wise**. These men and women have wisely discovered that they were designed to follow Jesus *in* life and walk (live) with Jesus *through* life. In **Ephesians 5:15-17**, Paul explains to us what godly wisdom is all about and how each of us can **wise up and walk with Jesus**.

1. (v.15) Wisdom remembers ...
2. (v.15) Wisdom tells us to pay ...
3. (v.15) Wisdom says ...
4. (v.15) Wisdom recognizes that it is ...
5. (v.16) Wisdom looks for the ...
6. (v.16) Wisdom stays alert to ...

7. (v.17) Wisdom says ...

8. (v.17) Wisdom always seeks ...

3 QUICK TAKEAWAYS

When it comes to God's Wisdom ...

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FOR THOUGHT & TALK

Take no more than 5 minutes to quickly review the main points from Pastor John's message. As you discuss the questions, don't expect to answer all of them. Just discuss the ones your group would most like to explore together. Remember, the goal of your small group is to grow together relationally, to **apply** God's Word to our daily living, and to pray for one another and our church.

1. Take time to have two different people in your group read aloud **Ephesians 5:15-17** from two different versions. Now, with everyone getting involved, take another five minutes to **quickly** run over a review of the main points of today's message.
2. What are the three different kinds/types/categories of people that Proverbs identifies? What are the characteristics of each group and how do they differ from one another?
3. Who are some of the most spiritually wise people you've known and how has their wisdom impacted you personally? What are some of the areas in your life where you would seriously like to have more of God's wisdom?
4. Why is it important to understand that when Jesus enters your life, God's wisdom comes in with Him? (**2 Tim. 3:15; 1 Cor. 1:30** - *Scripture give us the wisdom that leads to salvation in Christ ... who became to us the wisdom of God.*) However, even with the wisdom of God residing in us, we can still act like a fool. For example, consider Solomon, the wisest man to have ever lived and also the most foolish man to have ever lived! What were some of the ways foolishness messed up Solomon and what can we learn from his mistakes?
5. What did Pastor John say was the difference between our current **moment in life** and our current **season of life**? Have you been asking the Holy Spirit to show you the ways God wants you to serve Him, both in your current moment and your current season? What has He been showing you?
6. What was the main thing you heard the Holy Spirit challenge you with in this message about living in the embrace of godly wisdom? How will you respond?