

Being Careful, Living Wisely

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Introduction – from “roles” to “real life” encouragements

Text - Ephesians 5:15-21

Main Idea - Paul begins with a general command (“Be careful...how you live – not as unwise but as wise...”) that is followed by ten verbal constructions that define seven principles of “wise” living.

General Principle - Be very careful...how you live, not as unwise but as wise – a “Careful” life/walk

1. Making the most of every opportunity – a Calculated life

2. Not being foolish but understanding the LORD’s will – Centered on God

3. Not getting drunk on wine but being filled (controlled) with the Spirit – Controlled by the Spirit

4. Speaking “musically” – Constructive in speech

5. Singing & making music in your hearts – Congruent in thought

6. Giving thanks to God...always – Credit-giving to God

7. Submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ – being a Community of grace

Application - The ways these “encouragements” work within a community/church/family

Conclusion