

LIVE WISELY

Ephesians 5:14-17

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"Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." 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.

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1. Wake Up And Live _____.

"men of Issachar, who understood the times and knew what Israel should do."

1 Chronicles 12:32

Areas of spiritual battle:

- Between belief or rejection of a personal, loving god.
- Between Absolute Truth And Situational Ethics

"God overlooked people's ignorance about these things in earlier times, but now he commands everyone everywhere to repent of their sins and turn to him. For he has set a day for judging the world with justice by the man he has appointed, and he proved to everyone who this is by raising him from the dead."

Acts 17:30

2. Make The Most Of Every _____.

Verse 16

making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

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." 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.

James 4:13,14

"Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" "Martha, Martha," Jesus answered, "You are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her".

Luke 10:40

3. Understand what the _____ is.

Verse 17

Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

"The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness & put on the armor of light."

Romans 13:11-12

**All scriptures from TNIV unless otherwise noted*