



Living a Life of Wisdom

Ephesians 5:15-21

Wisdom  Heb “Chokmah” = skill in life
Greek “Sophia” = living God’s will

Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of knowledge, *But* fools despise wisdom and instruction.

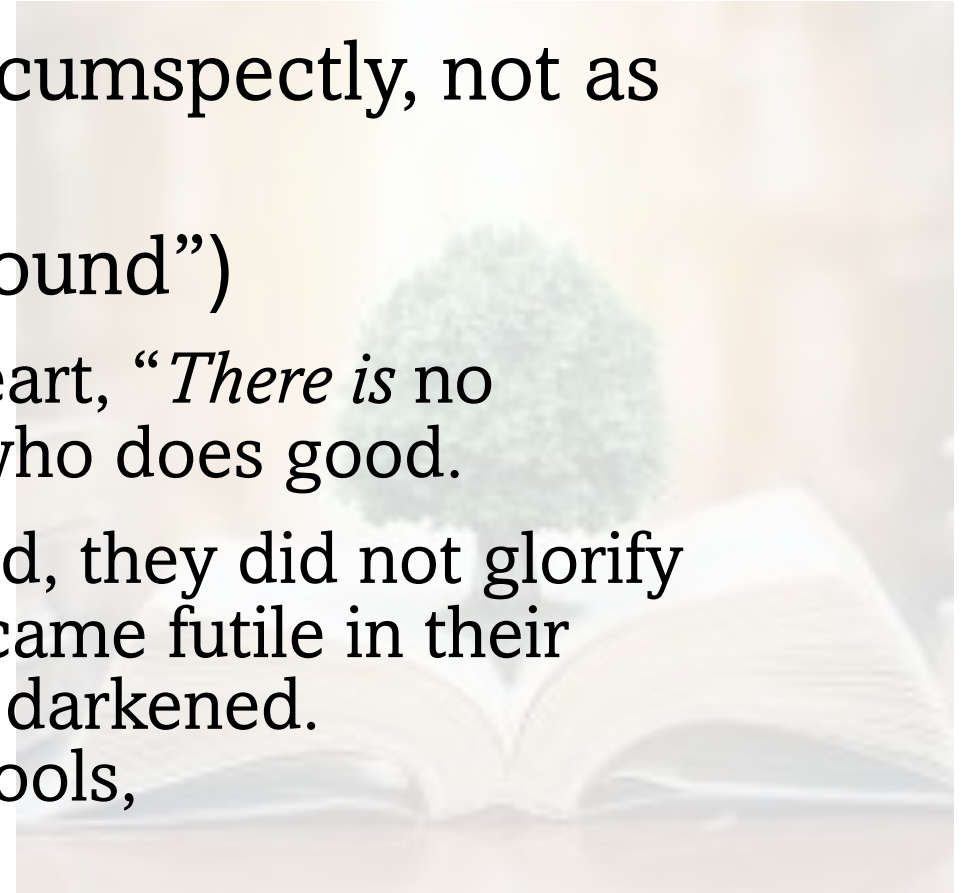
— 1 Kings 3:9-10 give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil.

1 Cor 1:21-31 since in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.

A Diligent Life

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- “circumspectly” (walk “looking around”)
- Psalm 14:1 The fool has said in his heart, “*There is no God.*” They are corrupt, there is none who does good.
- Romans 1:22 although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.
²² Professing to be wise, they became fools,



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- Titus 3:3-6 For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another.
- Galatians 3:1 foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified?
- 1 Timothy 6:9-10 But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and *into* many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition.

A Disciplined Life

Eph 5:16 walk carefully not as fools but wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil

- Col 4:5 Walk in wisdom toward those *who are* outside, redeeming the time.
- “kairos” a set period of time, the time God has allotted us
- Psalm 90:10-12 The days of our years are seventy years and if by reason of strength they are eighty years.. So teach *us* to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom.

A Directed Life

Eph 5:17 Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord *is*.

- Psalm 37:4 Delight yourself in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart
- Romans 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.
- John 7:17 If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or *whether* I speak on My own *authority*.

A Dynamic Life

Eph 5:18-21 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another in the fear of God.

- John 7:37-39 “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. ³⁸ He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” ³⁹ But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet *given*, because Jesus was not yet glorified.
- 1 John 5:14-15 Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.



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