



## Don't Be Fooled

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### I. BE WISE

A. Don't do stupid things!

**Ephesians 5:15-17 (CEV) <sup>15</sup> Act like people with good sense and not like fools. <sup>16</sup> These are evil times, so make every minute count. <sup>17</sup> Don't be stupid. Instead, find out what the Lord wants you to do.**

B. As Christians many times we ask

- WWJD?
- Is it sin?

Paul said that all things are Lawful but not expedient! Might be ok – but it might not be good

C. The parable of the path

**Proverbs 4:26 (NKJV) <sup>26</sup> Ponder the path of your feet, And let all your ways be established.**

Your direction more than anything will determine your destination.

D. There's a way that SEEMS right – and there is a way that IS right

**Proverbs 14:12 (TLB) <sup>12</sup> Before every man there lies a wide and pleasant road that seems right but ends in death.**

**Proverbs 14:12 (CEV) <sup>12</sup> You may think you are on the right road and still end up dead.**

### II. THE BEST QUESTION

A. Don't be careless with your life

**Ephesians 5:15-17 (NKJV) <sup>15</sup> See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, <sup>16</sup> redeeming the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.**

- **Days are Evil** - We don't live in a morally neutral environment – force or pressure

People end up going where they didn't plan on going because there wasn't a plan not to go there

**B. What's the wise thing to do?**

**In light of where I want to be/have/do ... what is the wise thing for me to do?"**

**What do you need to do?**



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### What do you need to stop doing?

C. Understand what the Lord wants you to do

- Being aware "of" a world of expertise and wisdom isn't enough we have to be willing to submit to it

**Proverbs 9:10 (NKJV) <sup>10</sup> "The fear of the Lord *is* the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One *is* understanding.**

### III. THE FOUNDATION OF WISDOM

A. Wisdom begins with recognition of God and a willingness to submit to Him

- **The fear of the Lord is a recognition and reverence that leads to submission**

B. Then – Knowledge of the Holy one is understanding

**Ephesians 2:10 (NLT) For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.**

- We can't create this masterpiece on our own, we need His input and wisdom