

Ephesians 5:15,16

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Pay careful attention, then, to how you live — not as unwise people but as wise — making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So don't be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

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An elderly couple is shown from the back, embracing each other on a grassy hillside. The man is on the left, wearing a grey jacket, and the woman is on the right, wearing a dark blue jacket. They are looking out over a valley with rolling hills and a small town in the distance. The sky is overcast.

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"My goal is to know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, assuming that I will somehow reach the resurrection from among the dead. Not that I have already reached the goal or am already perfect, but I make every effort to take hold of it because I also have been taken hold of by Christ Jesus. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and reaching forward to what is ahead, I pursue as my goal the prize promised by God's heavenly call in Christ Jesus. Therefore, let all of us who are mature think this way..." (Philippians 3:10-15)

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*"For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and **the time for my departure is close**. I have fought the good fight, **I have finished the race**, I have kept the faith. There is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me, but to all those who have loved His appearing."*

(II Timothy 4:6,7)

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"Do not be agitated by evildoers; do not envy those who do wrong. For they wither quickly like grass and wilt like tender green plants. Trust in the Lord and do what is good; dwell in the land and live securely. Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you your heart's desires. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act, making your righteousness shine like the dawn, your justice like the noonday."

(Psalm 37:1-6)

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"Wisdom is found with the elderly, and understanding comes with long life." (Job 12:12)

"Listen to counsel and receive instruction so that you may be wise later in life." (Proverbs 19:20)

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"Even while I am old and gray, God, do not abandon me, while I proclaim Your power to another generation, Your strength to all who are to come." (Psalm 71:18)

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*"The righteous thrive like a palm tree and grow like a cedar tree in Lebanon. Planted in the house of the Lord, they thrive in the courts of our God. **They will still bear fruit in old age, healthy and green, to declare: "The Lord is just; He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him."***

(Psalm 92:12-15)

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5. Be excited for fulfilled hope instead of fearful over the unknowns of death.

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