

# God's New Year Resolution for Us!

Grace Bible Chapel

Eph. 5:15-16 & related Scripture

December 28, 2025

**Context:** As we approach a New Year, God through Paul advises us how to think and how to live. A Christian must not meander through life without purpose. The calling of a Christian is to be about their Father's business. The time God has given us is of incredible value. It is a time for testing our faith. There are several obvious factors about our allotted time. It cannot be stopped or delayed. It is fixed of God, and we are captives to it, and at the same time accountable for how we use it. Time on earth for each person can end at any moment, and so we are to value every day and fill our allotted time living wisely. We should consider our lives by the Scripture and make the choices given of God. All else is careless and wasteful. Our opportunities should be filled with God honoring, obedient activity with divine purpose. Instead of walking as in Eph. 2:2 "according to the prince of the power of the air," we should desire to emulate Paul (2 Tim. 4:7) whereby we can truly say at our end, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith." This is God's New Year resolution for us!

Introduction:

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- Our Opportune Life (Eph. 5:15-16).

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- Self-scrutiny (Eph. 5:15a)

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- Serious choices (Eph. 15b)

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- Superlative activity (Eph. 16a)

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- Severity of the situation (Eph. 16b)

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Closing:

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