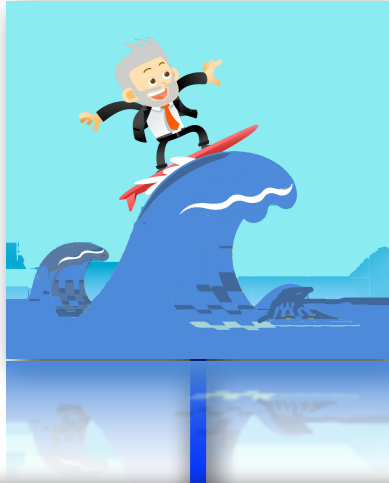


## What will we do with the evil days of Earth?



**Choose to be wise!**

**Ride the wave!**

**Be filled with God!**



- Circumspect: thinking carefully about possible risks before doing or saying something; careful to consider all circumstances and possible consequences.

“ ... Because the days are evil.”

### 1) Be wise, 5:15-16.

- We must intentionally give careful, considered thought as to how we live.
- “See then” looks back at verse 14 and our need to make sure we are not asleep at the wheel.
- We must choose to live as wise people or we will live as fools.
- The wise person recognizes and makes the most of his opportunities here on the dark planet.

### 2) Be NOT foolish, 5:17.

- We must choose not to be foolish to understand what the will of the Lord is.
- What we must understand is that if we choose to live by our own perspective of life, then that is what we have. Our perspective. We see from Earth but we never get the view from the throne room of heaven.
- See Proverbs 3:5-8.

### 3) Be filled with God, 5:18-21.

- Do not allow alcohol or anything else cause you to squander your opportunity to serve God during the evil days, 5:18a.
- Be filled with God the Spirit, 5:18b.
- Filled with God our joy will express itself in music and in our hearts to the Lord, 5:19.
- Filled with God we will always give thanks to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 5:20.
- Filled with God we will submit to one another in reverence to God, 5:21.

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- **\*Our default settings: By default we will use our reasoning abilities to edit incoming information to agree with what we already believe.**

This is how our the minds work. Our rationalizations know no limit as we look for evidence to support foregone conclusions. Apart from the direction of God we will contrive elaborate schemes to keep believing what we already believe and want to believe (universal sheep-like tendency).

So how do we defeat this faulty editing system? Enter center stage, God’s word, as it is profitable in transforming our thinking. Through the words of God we can approach and receive truth outside the boundaries of our current knowledge in a way that is profitable to our spiritual growth.

- **\*By default we automatically give validity to what we ALREADY believe. By default we automatically give validity to what we WANT to believe.**

This is how we “come off the line.” Now some of the things we already believe are true, and some of the things we want to believe are true. But not all of them. In fact many of the things that seem entirely valid to us are entirely wrong.

- There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death (Proverbs 16:25 KJV).

There is a way built into each of us that seems valid, but we need to review and change the settings where necessary because this way of validating life leads to death. We do not realize this without the help of God; we cannot change the settings without the help of God.

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