

He went on to share with the young man the passage from Ephesians 5:15-16, reminding him that the days are evil and that we must be careful how we live. He encouraged him to seek God's guidance and to use his time and resources wisely, so that he could be a positive influence in the world around him.

The young man took the wise man's advice to heart and began to live with purpose and intentionality. He spent time in prayer and meditation, seeking God's guidance and wisdom. He also looked for ways to serve others, to show kindness and compassion, and to be a light in the darkness.

As time went on, the young man became known for his wisdom and his compassion. He was able to make a positive impact on many people's lives, and he knew that it was all thanks to the wise words of the old man who had taught him to live wisely in a world that was full of darkness.

So how do we make a positive impact and live wisely in a world that was full of darkness? Here are some ways to redeem the time:

Prioritize your relationship with God: The most important way to redeem the time is by investing in your relationship with God. Spend time in prayer, reading the Bible, and seeking his guidance in all that you do.

Live with intentionality: Instead of just going through the motions of life, be intentional in the way you use your time and resources. Seek to use your gifts and talents to serve others, to show love and compassion to those in need, and to be a positive influence in your community.

Be disciplined: Redeeming the time requires discipline and self-control. Identify areas of your life where you may be wasting time, such as social media or watching too much TV or movies, and set boundaries to help you use your time more wisely.

Build meaningful relationships: Investing in relationships with others is a way to redeem the time. Make time for meaningful conversations, encourage and support others in Christ, and be present in the lives of those around you.

Pursue your calling: God has a unique purpose and calling for each of our lives. By seeking to fulfil this calling, we can redeem the time and make a positive impact on the world around us.

In summary, redeeming the time means using our time wisely and intentionally, prioritizing our relationship with God, and seeking to make a positive impact on the world around us. By living with purpose and discipline, we can make the most of every opportunity and honour God in all that we do. May God help us all!

In Christ,

Pastor David Weng



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Redeeming the Time

Living wisely in today's world is more important than ever. With so many distractions and temptations, it can be easy to lose sight of what really matters in life. The Apostle Paul wrote, '15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, 16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.' (Ephesians 5:15-16) However, as the apostle Paul reminds us in Ephesians 5:15-16, we must be careful how we live, making the most of every opportunity and using our time wisely.

In this passage, Paul urges believers to walk in wisdom, to be discerning and careful in the choices they make. He reminds us that the days are evil, meaning that the world is full of sin and darkness. But despite this, we are called to live as children of light, shining the light of Christ into the world and making a positive impact on those around us.

To live wisely in today's world, we must first prioritize our relationship with God. We must spend time in prayer, reading the Bible, and seeking his guidance in all that we do. We must also surround ourselves with other believers who can encourage us and hold us accountable.

Additionally, we must be intentional in the way we use our time and resources. We should seek to use our gifts and talents to serve others, to show love and compassion to those in need, and to be a positive influence in our communities.

We must always be aware of the spiritual battles that are raging around us. We must be prepared to stand firm in our faith and to resist the devil's schemes, knowing that our ultimate victory is in Christ.

There was once a man who lived in a small village. He was known for his wisdom and his ability to see things that others could not. One day, a young man from the village came to him and asked for his advice.

'Master,' said the young man, 'I am struggling to make sense of the world around me. There is so much evil and darkness, and I don't know how to navigate it.'

The wise man smiled and replied, 'My son, the world has always been a dark and dangerous place. But that is all the more reason to live wisely and to make the most of every opportunity.'

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Theme for 2023: Trust in the LORD
'Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.' (Proverbs 3:5)

D. Teach and instruct: Discipline should also be an opportunity for teaching and instruction (Deuteronomy 6:6-7)

III. Encourage Honesty and Integrity (Proverbs 20:7)

Parents should model honesty and integrity and encourage their children to do the same.

A. Be a role model: Children learn by example, so one of the most important things parents can do is to model honesty and integrity in their own lives.

B. Praise honesty: When your child tells the truth or demonstrates integrity, be sure to praise and encourage them.

C. Set clear expectations: Children need clear expectations and guidelines in order to understand what is expected of them.

D. Talk about the importance of honesty: Have regular conversations with your child about why honesty and integrity are important values to hold.

Overall, the book of Proverbs provides valuable guidance for parents who seek to raise their children in a wise and loving manner. They emphasize the importance of discipline, guidance, and training, and suggest that ought to do their best to train them up in the way of the Lord to be wise, responsible, honest and righteous individuals.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Greetings in the Name of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! We welcome you to worship with us at Providence B-P Church! Please stay back for fellowship and refreshment after the service.
2. The church thanks Rev Paauwe for conducting the Lord's Supper. May God bless him.
3. If you would like to give to church via bank transfer, the account details is as follows: Providence Bible-Presbyterian Church, BSB 035046, Account No. 433717.

MEMORY VERSE

'Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.' (Proverbs 22:6)

WCF SHORTER CATECHISM

Q10. How did God create man?

A. God created man, male and female, in His own image and in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, to rule over the other creatures.

[a]. Gen. 1:27, [b]. Col. 3:10, [c]. Eph. 4:24, [d]. Gen. 1:28; Ps. 8

NEXT LORD'S DAY (14th May 2023)

SERMON TITLE	RESPONSIVE READING/TEXT	MESSENGER
<i>Wisdom Regarding Marriage:</i>	Psalm 140/Proverbs 12:1-15	Rev David Weng

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS & NEXT LORD'S DAY (8th to 14th May 2023)

DATE	MEETING/ACTIVITIES	TIME & VENUE
Wed 10/5	Prayer Meeting/Bible Study	7:00pm, 169 Brougham Dr, Valley View
Thur 11/5	Ladies' Fellowship/Bible Study	10:30am, 169 Brougham Dr, Valley View
Fri 12/5	Youth Fellowship/Discussion	7:00pm, 169 Brougham Dr, Valley View
Sun 14/5	Sunday Worship Service	4:00pm at 44a Fourth Ave, St Peters
Sun 14/5	Sunday School	4:30pm at 44a Fourth Ave, St Peters

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS 30th April 2023

Attendance	30	General Offerings	\$150
		Direct Deposits	\$120, \$150, \$100, \$100, \$100, \$52, \$5
		Missions Fund	\$20, Total: \$770.70
		Building Fund	Total: \$1,830.69

PRAYER ITEMS & SUPPLICATIONS

1. Thanksgiving: Thank God for His providence, protection and provision in the past week. Pray for forgiveness of sins, our personal walk with the Lord and growing in grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
2. Pray for the protection and preservation of religious freedom and the right to exercise the faith in Bible-believing churches, Christian schools and organisations in our country.
3. Pray for God's protection upon Israel and the salvation of the Jews.
4. Pray for the persecuted Christians around the world.
5. Pray for God's protection, provision and guidance for His people in Ukraine and Russia and for the salvation of the unconverted.
6. Pray for missionaries around the world for protection, provision and for God's grace in the ministry and guidance: Rev & Mrs Sun Sohka and family (Faith Church, Phnom Penh), Pastor & Mrs Kimhak and family (Bak Deng Village, Phnom Penh), Evangelist Helmi, Juniar and family (Nusa Tenggara Timur), Evangelist Anglian and family, Jeremy Lal Pek Liana (Myanmar) and Brother Haiseng Lim (Melbourne, VIC).
7. Pray for those who are involved in the ministry of Providence B-P Church: the Pulpit, Sunday School, Ladies Fellowship, Youth Fellowship, Music ministry, ushering, logistics, church bulletin, evangelism and etc.
8. Pray for students: Amanda Kheng, Lily Li (placement), Natasha, Evelyn Yeo, Pirun & primary and secondary students.
9. Pray for the salvation of family members, loved ones and friends.
10. Health and healing: Rev & Mrs Edward Paauwe; Rev & Mrs Okman Ki; Rev & Mrs Mathews Abraham & family (S'pore); Rev Tang Wai Kay (S'pore), Uncle John and Michelle (USA), Uncle Hock Liang (Netherland), Bro David Paauwe, Bro. Kuan Pang Loh (S'pore), Bro Philip Weng (Taiwan) & Lily.
11. Journey Mercies: Daniel Paauwe (USA)

7th May 2023

Rev David Weng

Wisdom Regarding Family

I. Teach and Guide Them in the Way of the Lord (Proverbs 22:6)

Teach and guide children in the right direction while they are young, so that they will continue to follow that path as they grow older.

A. Worship together: Going to church as a family helps reinforce the values and beliefs you are teaching at home.

B. Teach biblical values: Look for opportunities to talk about God and faith throughout the day, such as during mealtime, bedtime, and family activities.

1. Use everyday situations

2. Talk about values

3. Model values

4. Use resources

C. Set a good example: Children learn by example, so make sure you are living out your faith in a way that is consistent with what you want to teach them.

II. Discipline with Love and Consistency (Proverbs 13:24)

Discipline is important in raising children, but it should be done in a loving and consistent way.

A. Use appropriate discipline: The Bible emphasizes the importance of using appropriate discipline, which may include physical correction, but should never be abusive or excessive (Proverbs 13:24)

B. Be consistent: Consistency is an important aspect of effective discipline (Proverbs 29:17)

C. Discipline in love: The Bible emphasizes that discipline should be done out of love and concern for the child's well-being (Hebrews 12:6)