

New Song News

Colossians 1:15–20 (ESV) ¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

John 6:68–69 (ESV) ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”

Jude 24–25 (ESV) ²⁴Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, ²⁵to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Today

- ✓ Bible reading schedule and journal pages – the next set is available in the back of the worship area or to download on the New Song website home page.
- ✓ A copy of the 2021 proposed budget is available.
- ✓ Offering for Washington City Mission. Online Sweet Sunday fundraiser also happening at citymission.org with silent auctions, dessert purchases and more.

This Week

- ✓ From Where God Sits episodes, 12:11pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- ✓ Wednesday, Women’s Bible Study, 9am–noon, Ladies’ Bible Study via phone conference call. See Nancy Seman for info.
- ✓ Thursday, 7pm – Weekly Bible Study through Pastor Herb’s Facebook page.
- ✓ Friday, 10:00am, Women’s Bible Study

Next Sunday

- ✓ **Annual Meeting** – Feb. 28 following worship there will be a potluck dinner, with a short meeting to follow in person and via livestream about 1:00pm. **Sign up** to bring a main dish and side dish. Drinks provided.

Looking Ahead

- ✓ Pastor Prayer Partners – if you are willing to pray for Pastor Herb on a specific day each week, please indicate it on the blue Welcome Card.
- ✓ New Song FB Live link: <https://www.facebook.com/NewSongPittsburgh/>.
- ✓ New Song YouTube Channel - Sunday sermons, Thursday Bible Studies & Pastor Herb’s daily 12:11pm From Where God Sits episodes: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGj3cRY-AnOkv1AetkgDMMw>

Regular Offering		Projected Budget	Family Assistance		Children of Promise	
2/14/2021	3,617.50	\$ 2,845.94*	2/14/2021	\$ 0.00	2/14/2021	\$ 0.00
To Date	\$ 19,248.04	\$ 19,921.60*	Balance	\$ 3,283.16	Month Total	\$ 0.00
Experiencing More Building Fund Campaign						
		Actual Giving	Weekly Pledged		Friends of New Song	
2/14/2021		\$ 646.48		\$ 543.59		\$ 0.00
97 weeks		\$ 35,687.82		\$ 52,728.21		\$ 3,000.00
So you can receive credit for your giving, please print your name & amount on the offering envelope.						

New Song Notes, Pastor Herb Shaffer

Living Wisely in Troubled Times

February 21 2021

Wise Walking Through Evil Days, part 1

February Memory Scripture - Ephesians 5:15–16

¹⁵Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. **Ephesians 5:15–16 (ESV)**

What it looks like to follow Jesus and live wisely

Ephesians 5:15–16 (The Message) ¹⁵So watch your step. Use your head. ¹⁶Make the most of every chance you get. These are desperate times!

Ephesians 5:15–16 (NIV84) ¹⁵Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

Ephesians 5:15–16 (NLT) ¹⁵So be careful how you live. Don’t live like fools, but like those who are wise. ¹⁶Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days.

Ephesians 5:15–16 (NKJV) ¹⁵See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, ¹⁶redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

Galatians 5:25 (ESV) If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

1. look carefully or watch your step.

Ephesians 5:15–16 (ESV) ¹⁵Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.

Ephesians 5:15–16 (The Message) ¹⁵So watch your step.

2. “then” = because of repentance lifestyle.

Ephesians 5:15–16 (ESV) ¹⁵Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.

3. how you walk.

Ephesians 5:15–16 (ESV) ¹⁵Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.

Ephesians 5:15–16 (NIV84) ¹⁵Be very careful, then, how you live

➔ walk is a picture of how we live

4. not as unwise (fools) but as wise.

Ephesians 5:15–16 (ESV) ¹⁵Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.

Eph 5:15 (NKJV) See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise,

Matthew 7:26 (ESV) And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.

Luke 12:13–21



5. making the best use of THE time = seizing opportunities.

Ephesians 5:15–16 (ESV) ¹⁵Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.

Ephesians 5:16 (NLT) Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days.

- sacrifice for opportunities
- seize opportunities quickly
- use opportunities to the utmost



6. because the days are evil.

Ephesians 5:15–16 (ESV) ¹⁵Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.

Ephesians 5:16b (The Message) These are desperate times!

- *“for moral corruption is now in vogue.”* – Meyer’s NT Commentary
- *“Make this sustained effort of getting opportunity; for it will be needed. The days ... in a fallen world do not lend themselves to living wisely. Circumstances, in themselves, are adverse, for sin attaches to them.”* -- CAMBRIDGE BIBLE

What do we do with this?



- What stuck out to you?
- What is God saying about what stuck out?
- What do you need to do in response?



New Song
Community Church

Living Right-Side Up

- † S.L.O. Lifestyle with God Together
Surrender ➔ Listen ➔ Obey ...**together**
- † Soldier-like Friendships
“Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.” Proverbs. 27:17
- † Salty Presence “Beyond the Walls”
Making people thirsty for Jesus