



*Christian Resources for Your Journey*

## LIVE WISELY Devotion for November 2011

*“Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise, but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.” Ephesians 5:15-16*

Are the days really evil? Most of us probably have days we would call “normal”, with some happiness and some sadness, some stress, some good times – all mixed together. But the days referred to here are not just our own personal days – these are the days for everyone on earth, right now. For many people who are suffering from war or injustice or poverty, the days are indeed evil. When this becomes “normal” for many people, then we know there is much that is not right in the world. And when many are suffering in the world, whether they are humans or any other part of God’s creation, it means the days are evil for all of us. We are all linked together and can’t ignore any part of God’s creation.

Paul provides an answer for how to deal with these evil days: live wisely, making the most of every opportunity. When we live wisely we live thoughtfully, conscious of God’s love for us and how we can share that love with others in the world. When we are in touch with God, we become more in touch with his creation and with all that is happening around us. To be wise we need to be aware of our surroundings, and of how God wants us to live and respond.

Each day we can watch the news or talk to friends and family who are suffering, and recognize that yes, indeed, the days are evil. That is just the first step. We are not just to put up with these evil days, or complain about them, or even unwittingly participate in them, but instead to bring God’s love and wisdom into every encounter, every action, and every decision.

Are you living wisely today?

*Lord, we may not consider ourselves to be wise but if we make ourselves available to you, our thoughts and actions have the potential of wisdom. And the world desperately needs wise loving people to share and demonstrate how to live wisely, sharing God’s love. Amen.*