# **WALK IN WISDOM**

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2 Timothy 3:1-5 But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. <sup>2</sup> People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, <sup>3</sup> without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, 4 treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— <sup>5</sup> having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people. NIV

Jonah 4:11 [The LORD said to Jonah] "And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left..." NIV

#### We need to know what to do.

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Ephesians 5:10 and find out what pleases the Lord. NIV



Ephesians 5:13-14 But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. <sup>14</sup> This is why it is said:

"Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." NIV

Nehemiah 4:14 After I looked things over, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, "Don't be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes." NIV

## Some ways to live wisely.

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#### Seek wisdom.

Matthew 12:42 [Jesus answered,] "The Queen of the South will rise at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for she came from the ends of the earth to listen to Solomon's wisdom, and now something greater than Solomon is here." NIV

### Unite in worship.

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# Live by Spirit. Enjoy God, together.

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"But, to keep to our main emphasis, let me repeat that folly or wisdom hinges on this one point alone: that if you are wise, you will seek this fullness [of the Spirit] sooner, but if you are foolish, you will put it off till later."

—Watchman Nee

