



Our Walk and Witness



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Evangelism,
and Disciple-

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by sight. • For we live by
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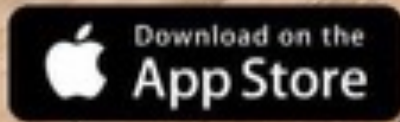
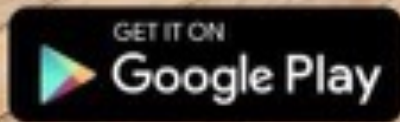
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TOGETHER

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**a certain kind EVANGELISM,
a certain kind of APOLOGETIC,
and a certain kind of DISCIPLESHIP**




a certain kind EVANGELISM,

A CERTAIN KIND...

- that allows others to **discover the truth** for themselves by **asking thought-provoking questions** about what they say they believe.

A CERTAIN KIND...

- **that use an approach that is more conversational.**
- **that seeks to build spiritual conversations to your unbelieving friends from the standpoint of their interest, not your own!**
- **that maximizes our questions by remembering the three D's.**



If we understand the times in which we live today, we will **repackage** our approach not only in **witnessing** but also in how we **use apologetics**.



a certain kind of APOLOGETIC



EFFECTIVE WITNESSING TODAY

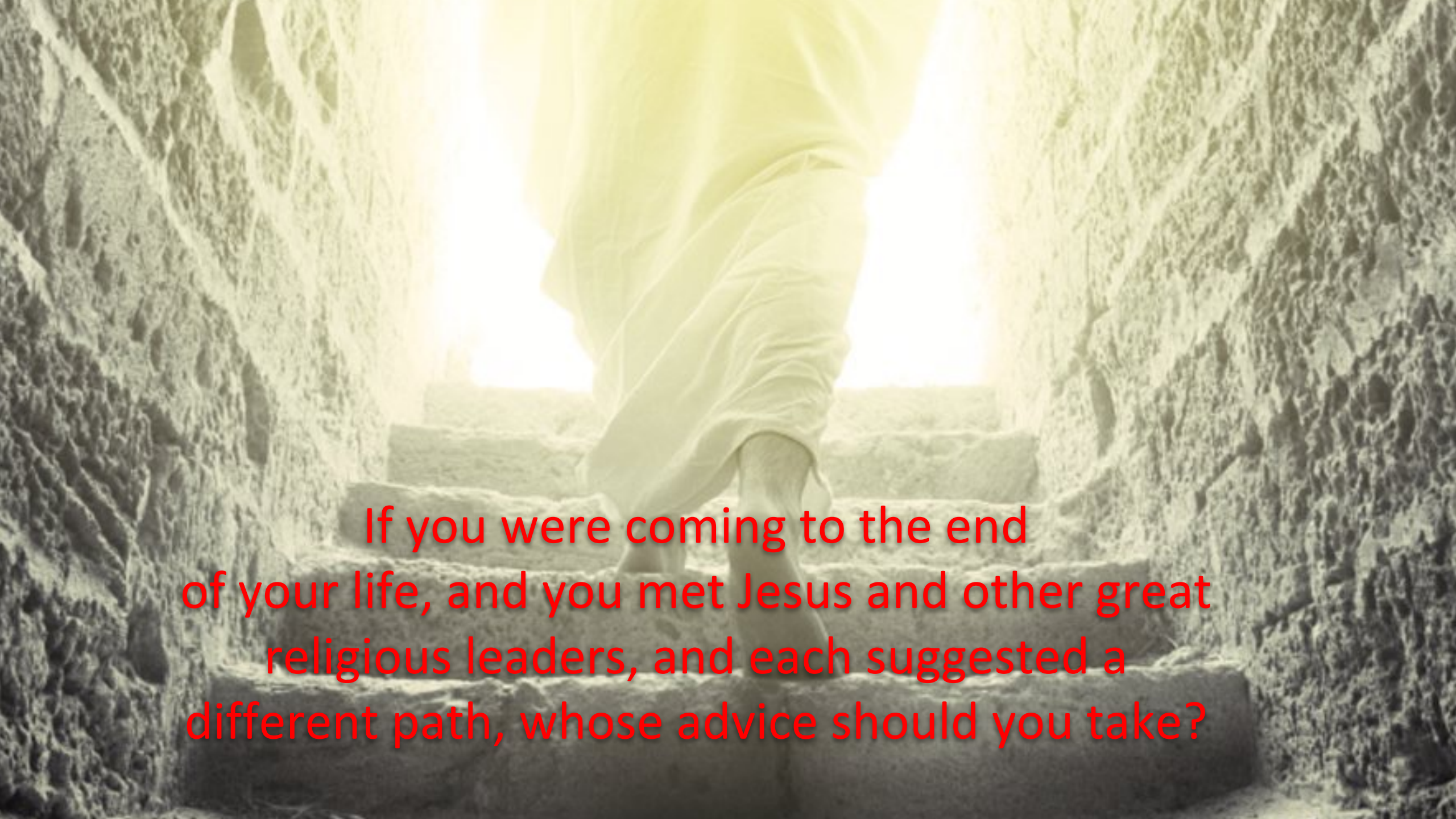
- will compel us to use an apologetic approach that is “lite” to begin with!**

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When we evangelize, we need
to know where people are at.

A person wearing a white, flowing robe is walking up a set of stone steps. The steps are made of large, rectangular blocks and lead up a dark, narrow tunnel. At the end of the tunnel, there is a very bright, glowing light that illuminates the scene. The person's feet are visible as they step up. The overall atmosphere is one of hope and guidance.


If you were coming to the end of your life, and you met Jesus and other great religious leaders, and each suggested a different path, whose advice should you take?

A person wearing a white, flowing robe is walking up a set of stone steps. The steps are made of large, rectangular blocks and are set within a narrow, rocky passage. The walls of the passage are made of rough, textured stone. At the top of the steps, there is a bright, glowing light source, possibly an opening to the sky or a window, which casts a strong, warm light over the scene. The person's feet are visible as they step up the stairs.

Wouldn't you take the
advice of someone who's
been to the other side and
come back to tell us about it?



a certain kind of DISCIPLESHIP



We also need to add a **certain kind** of **DISCIPLESHIP** to our evangelism and apologetics, if we are going to be fruitful disciples of Christ in the culture we live in today.

My problem:

Discipleship had been supplemental but not fundamental in my life!

Conclusion:

- **I wished I had taught less and disciplined more.**
- **Why doesn't it say in Matthew 5 "Blessed are those who make disciples of all nations?"**



**“The mandate
must precede
the mission.”**

Rev. Edmund Chan



“The mandate focuses on our walk in God and the mission focuses on our work for God. The mandate focuses on character whereas the mission focuses on accomplishments. The mandate focuses on being, the mission focuses on doing.”

Rev. Edmund Chan, *A Certain Kind*



My realization...

**God cares more about my
being than my doing!**



“Abiding in Christ is the key to discipleship. It is the New Testament heart of the Old Testament mandate of ‘the way they are to walk.’ This mandate is to abide in Jesus – to be a certain kind of person, to embrace a certain kind of life.”

Rev. Edmund Chan. *A Certain Kind*, 113



Now if the mandate for all of us
should be a certain kind of
disciple of Christ and to be a
certain kind we have to first
abide in Christ...***what then is***
involved in abiding in Christ?



“Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them saying: Blessed are the **poor in spirit**, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” Matt. 5:1-3



“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.”

Matt. 5:4



**The key to abiding in Christ
is acknowledging and
mourning our spiritual poverty.**



Some Observations

- We have to acknowledge to ourselves and to God that we can't make these changes in our life without His help (Phil. 2:13).
- We need to remember that God doesn't want us to acknowledge it just once in our lifetime...but daily. (1 Jn. 1:9)





At NGIM we call this blend of
Apologetics, Evangelism, and
Discipleship, the four R's of being:

ROOTED

RESTED

READY

REACHING

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DISCIPLESHIP

To be truly effective in witnessing today we need to remember to actively blend apologetics, evangelism, and discipleship.

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. (Jn. 15:5 ESV)



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Whereas the key to **rootedness** is abiding in Christ, the key to **restedness** is abiding in the word of God.

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Rested



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Jeremiah 6:16

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Biblical principle to remember:

**When we live according to the
Word of God, this brings rest for
our souls (Jer. 6:16).**



Rested



Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for **I am gentle** and lowly in heart, **and you will find rest for your souls.** For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Matt.11:28-30

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What is the key to restedness in Christ?

1. We need to anchor ourselves in the word of God and live our lives in accordance with His truth.
2. We need to remember that we can trust God's character.
3. We also need to remember that we can depend on God's powerful.



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Observation

“When you and I are rooted and rested in Christ, we will be **more ready** to given an answer for the hope we have in Christ!”



SCRIPTURE COMMANDS US TO DEFEND THE FAITH

1 Peter 3:15- “But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always *be ready* to give a *defense* to every one who asks you a *reason* for the *hope* that is in you, with meekness and fear,” (NKJV)

Apologia (Greek)- “to defend.”



APOLOGETICS AND EVANGELISM GO HAND IN HAND



What is the Goal of Apologetics in Evangelism?

“To remove the obstacle so that we can help others take one step close to Jesus Christ every day!”

- Dr. David Geisler



Ready



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BEING READY

“Being ready is not just a matter of having the right information available, it is also an attitude of readiness and eagerness to share the truth of what we believe.”

Norman Geisler, Baker
Encyclopedia of Christian
Apologetics, p. 37





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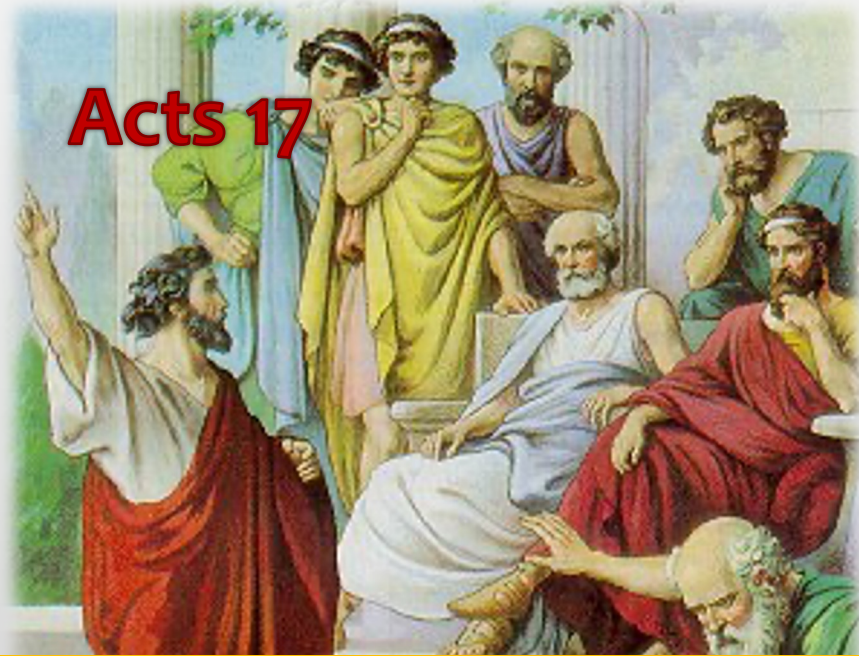
The Greek word for ready (Hetoimos) is used in Matt 24:44 and Luke 12:40 to communicate the idea that as Christians we need to anticipate Christ's return.





WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO “BE READY” IN 1 PET. 3:15?

If we combine 1 Peter 3:15 with 2 Corinthians 10:5 and 1 Cor. 9:22, it is clear that our responsibility is also to eagerly anticipate the questions and objections and remove barriers whether others ask us a specific question or not!



This is what the Apostle Paul did...



Being Ready means...

You and I should be **so changed** by Christ that **we care so much** about the lost around us that **we will eagerly look for those opportunities** to remove barriers and help them take steps to the cross, **whether we are asked** specific questions or not.



Observations:

- When you and I have this eager anticipation, we will have a greater impact on people.
- You and I will have this greater eagerness when you and I are a certain kind of disciple of Christ.
- A disciple who's rooted and rested and has an eager readiness to give an answer for the hope we have.



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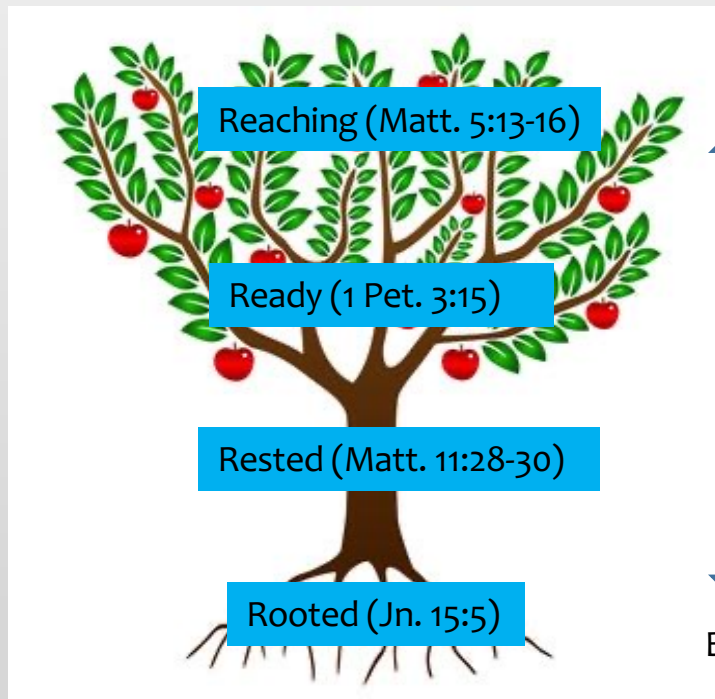
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Reaching the lost around us.

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. (Matt. 5:14-16 ESV)

LEVEL OF MATURITY: BEING VS DOING



Doing

Evangelism Methodology:
Conversational Evangelism,

Evangelism Mindset:
Attitudes towards pre-believers,
Christian witness as life-style

Evangelism Maturity:
Servant Leadership, God centred
values

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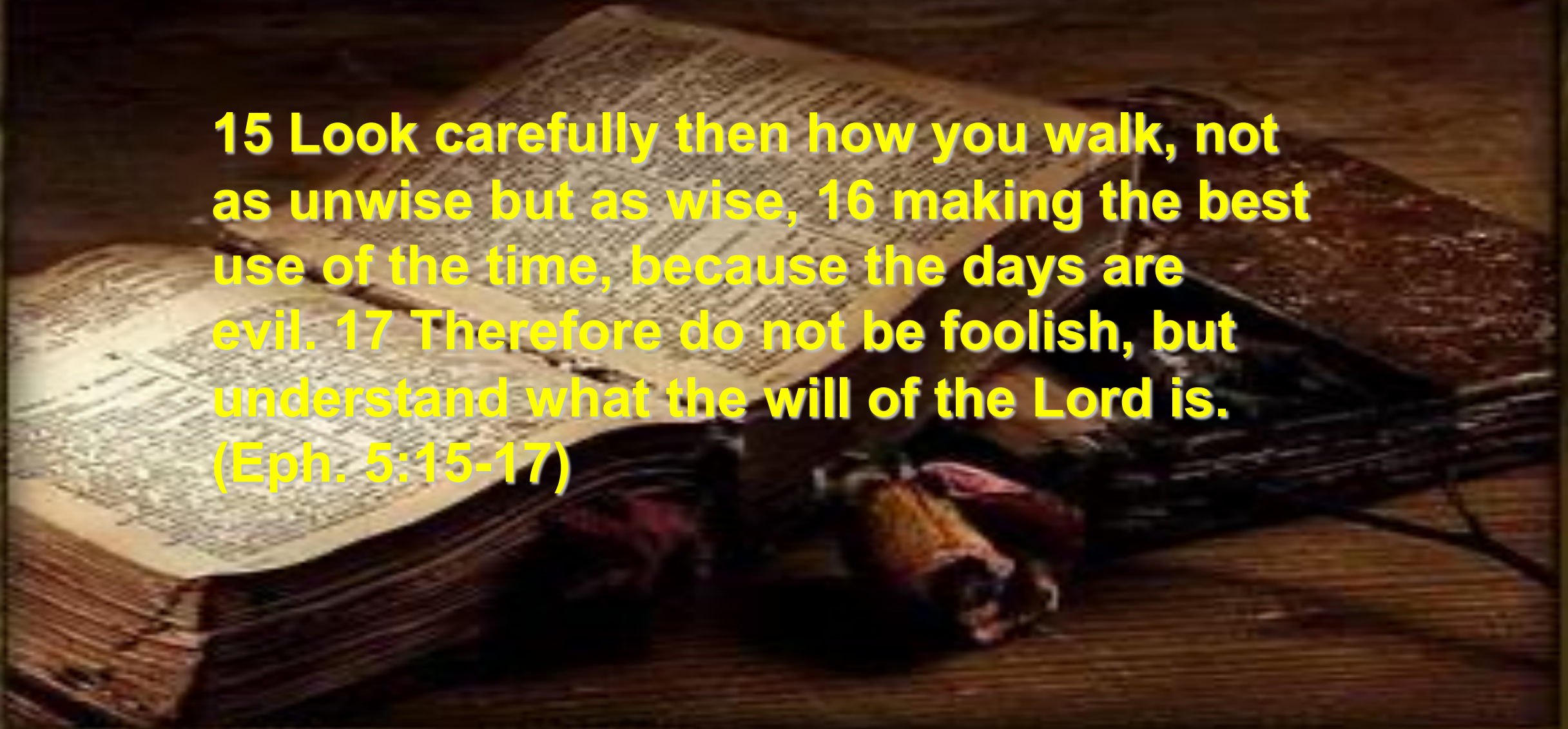
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How Should We Walk?

15 Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. (Eph. 5:15-17)



How Should We Witness?

Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious , seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

Col. 4:5 ESV



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