

¹⁴This is why it is said: “Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.” ¹⁵Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit,
Ephesians 5:14-18 (NIV)

¹⁴Therefore He says, Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall shine (make day dawn) upon you and give you light.

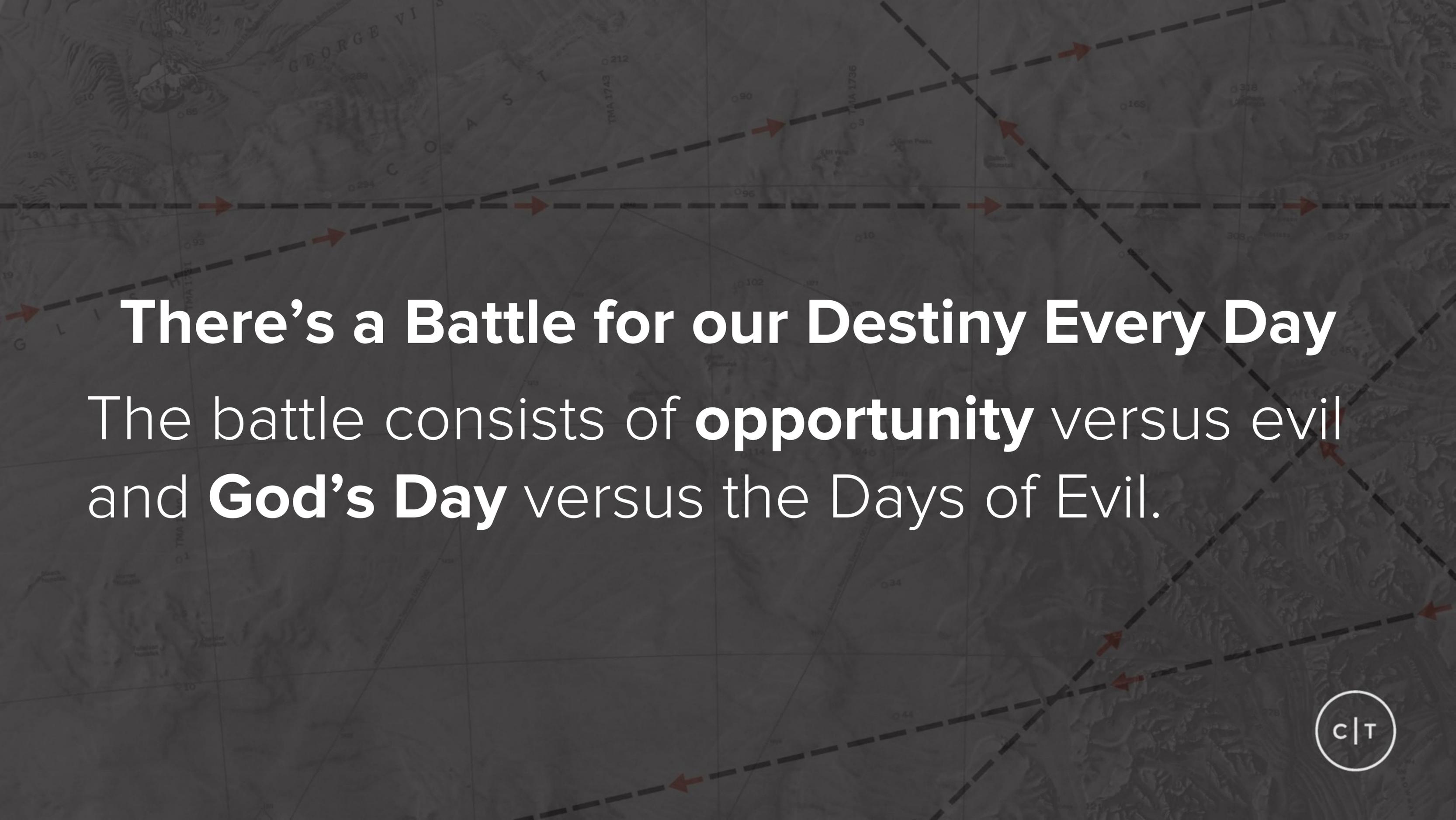
¹⁵Look carefully then how you walk! Live purposefully and worthily and accurately, not as the unwise and witless, but as wise (sensible, intelligent people),

Ephesians 5:14-18 (AMPC)

¹⁶ Making the very most of the time [buying up each opportunity], because the days are evil.

¹⁷ Therefore do not be vague and thoughtless and foolish, but understanding and firmly grasping what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but ever be filled and stimulated with the [Holy] Spirit.

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There's a Battle for our Destiny Every Day
The battle consists of **opportunity** versus evil
and **God's Day** versus the Days of Evil.



Spiritual Warfare Against Our Destiny

The Point of Attack is our **GROWTH**.

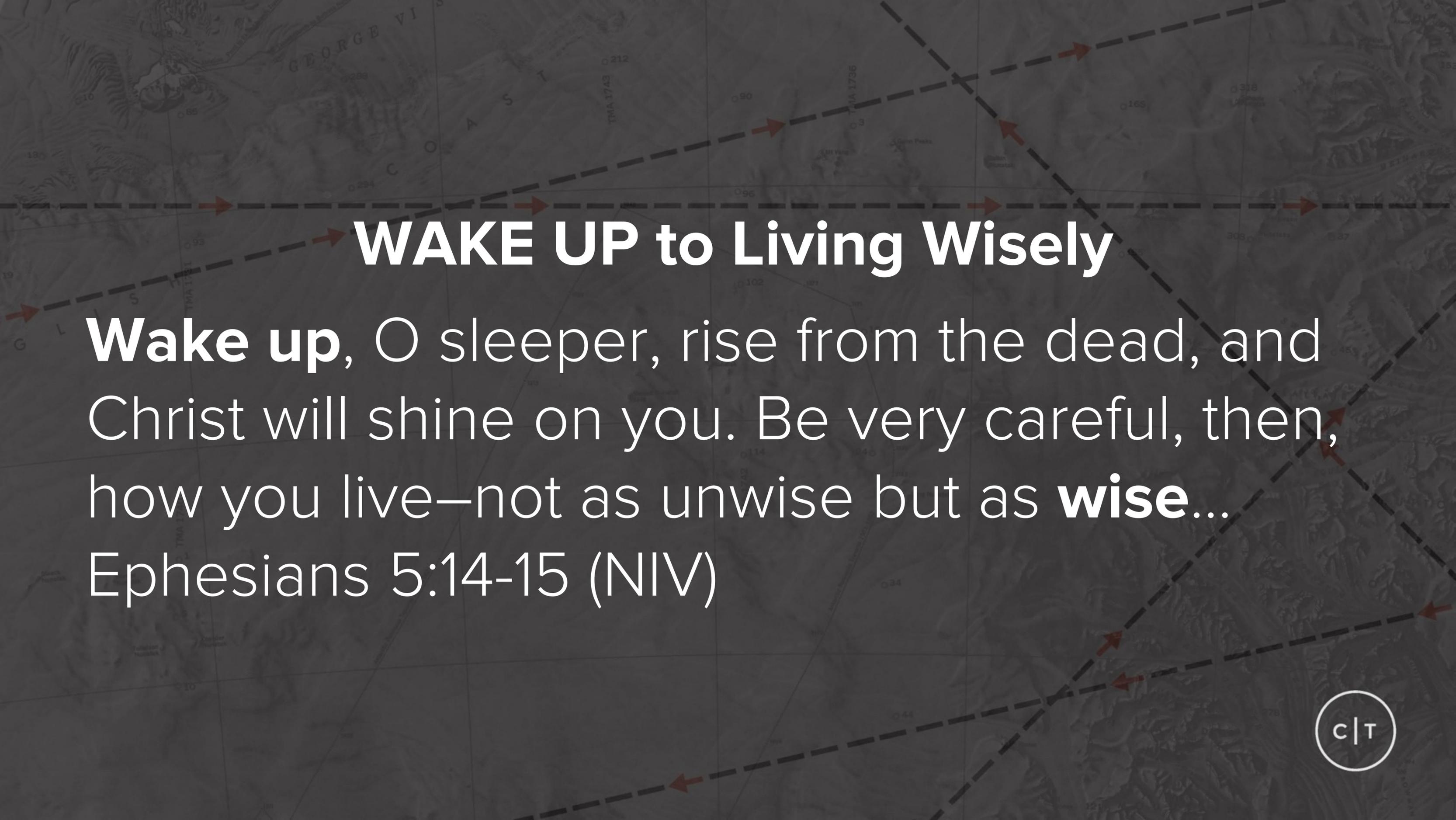
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Regardless of your age or how long you've been walking with God, there's always more growing to do and there's always another opportunity to be fruitful and honoring to God.

Spiritual Warfare Against Our Destiny

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

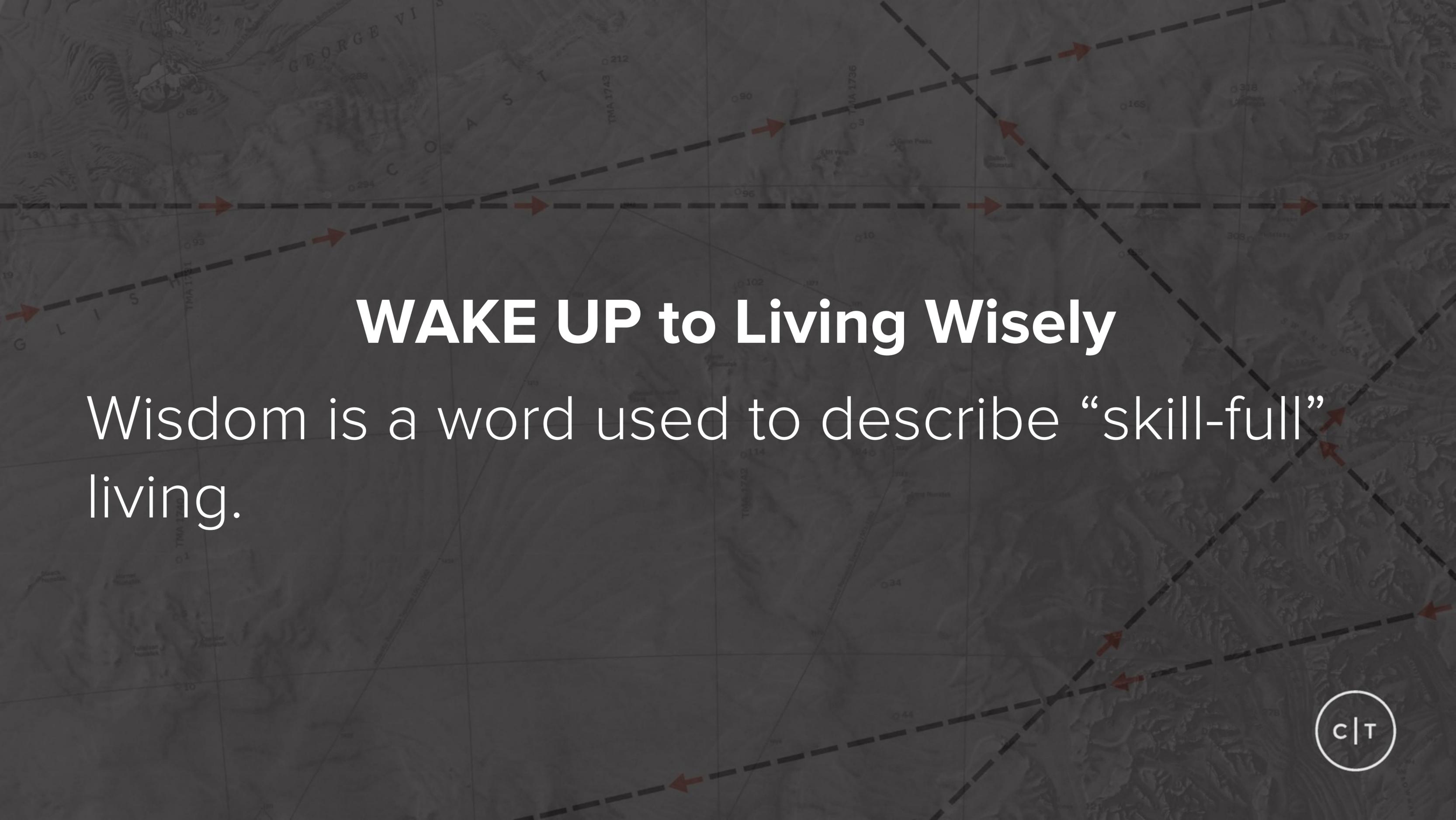
Philippians 3:12 (NIV)

A topographic map of a mountainous region, likely in Antarctica, with labels like 'GEORGE VI ISLAND' and 'COWLEY ST'. The map is overlaid with a grid of dashed lines and red arrows pointing in various directions, creating a sense of movement or navigation.

WAKE UP to Living Wisely

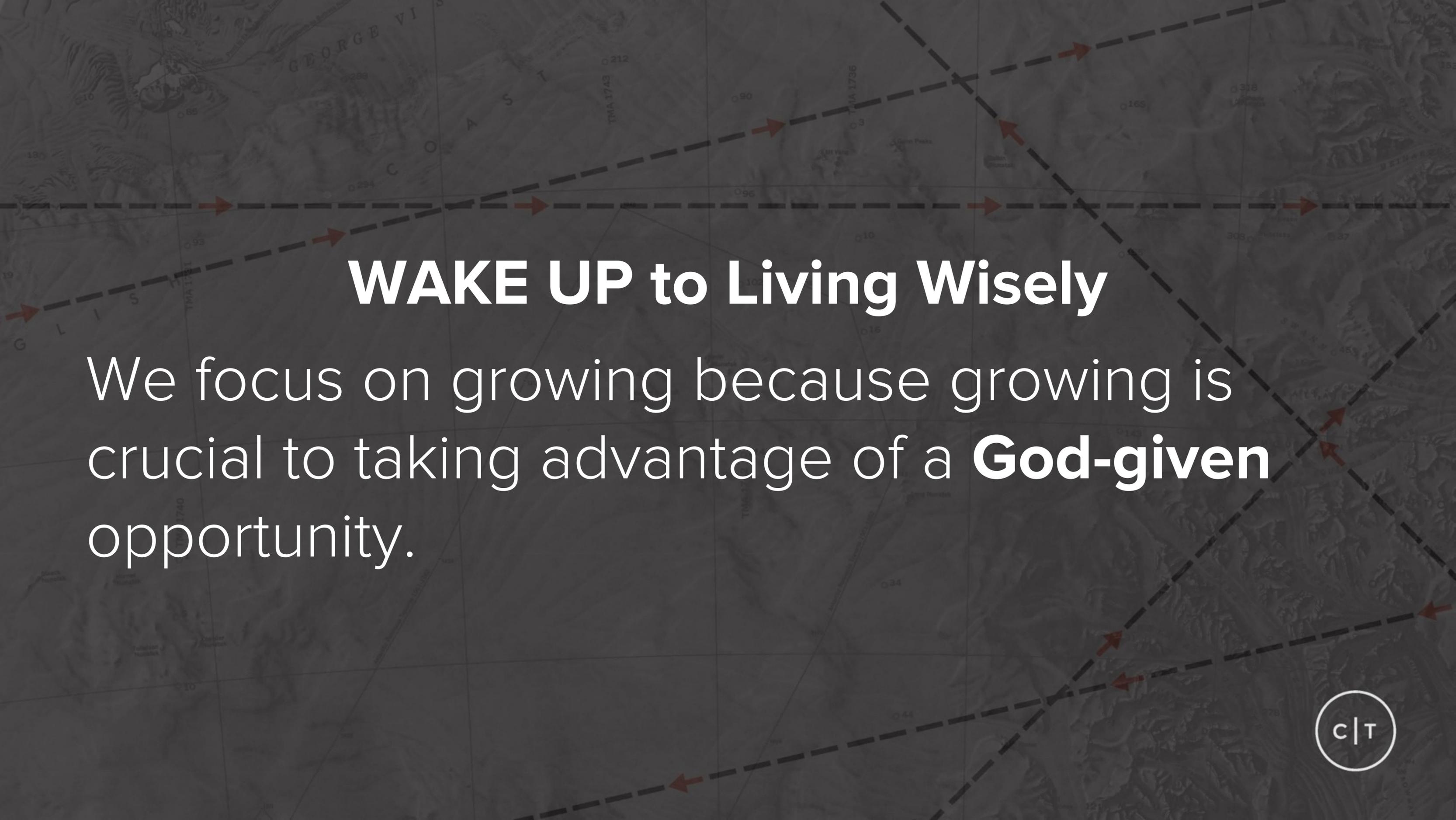
Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you. Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as **wise**...

Ephesians 5:14-15 (NIV)



WAKE UP to Living Wisely

Wisdom is a word used to describe “skill-full” living.

A topographic map of a mountainous region, likely in the Andes, with labels like 'GEORGE VI S', 'C O V A S T', and 'TMA 1743'. Overlaid on the map are several dashed black lines with red arrows pointing in various directions, suggesting movement or paths. The text is centered over the map.

WAKE UP to Living Wisely

We focus on growing because growing is crucial to taking advantage of a **God-given** opportunity.

WAKE UP to Living Wisely

The decisions you make today matter. Every decision points your life in the direction you are about to travel. No decision is an isolated choice. It's a chain of events. If you choose wisely, your future will reflect that. But if you don't choose wisely, the decisions you make now will take you places you don't want to be later.

—Lysa TerKeurst

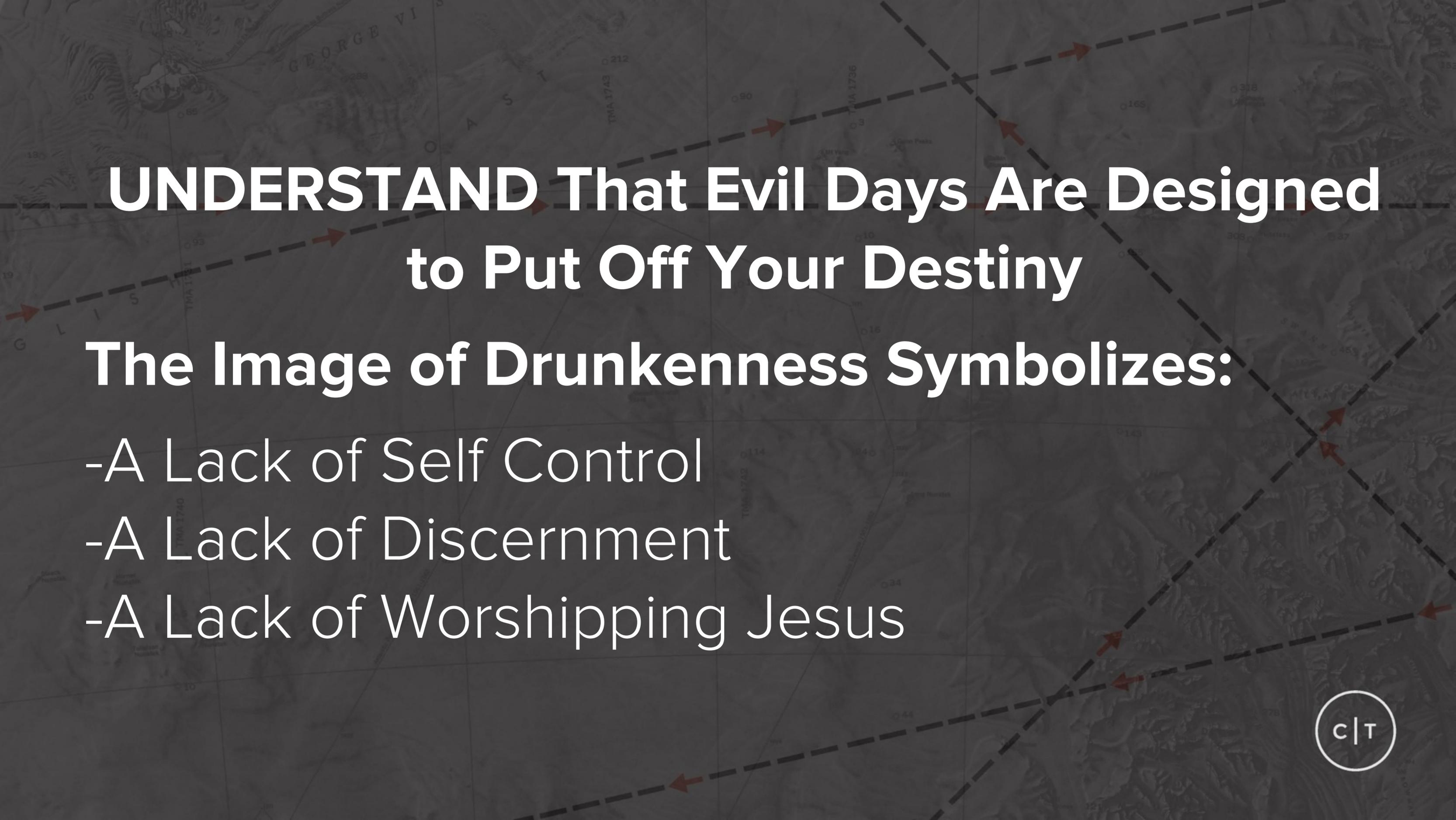
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- If you don't grow emotionally, you can miss out on a relational opportunity.
- If you don't grow spiritually you can miss out on a Kingdom opportunity.
- If you don't grow mentally you can miss out on a professional opportunity.

UNDERSTAND That Evil Days Are Designed to Put Off Your Destiny

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

Ephesians 5:15-18 (NIV)

A topographic map of a mountainous region, likely in Antarctica, with labels like 'GEORGE VI' and 'OYSTERS'. Overlaid on the map are several dashed lines with red arrows pointing in various directions, creating a complex path across the terrain.

UNDERSTAND That Evil Days Are Designed to Put Off Your Destiny

The Image of Drunkenness Symbolizes:

- A Lack of Self Control
- A Lack of Discernment
- A Lack of Worshipping Jesus

**UNDERSTAND That Evil Days Are Designed
to Put Off Your Destiny**

**The Image of Drunkenness Means That Our
Days Are Given To:**

1. Forms of Escape
2. Yielding to Procrastination
3. Indulging in Foolishness

Waking Up is a Work of the Spirit

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but ever be **filled and stimulated** with the [Holy] Spirit.

Ephesians 5:18 (AMPC)

Waking Up is a Work of the Spirit

¹Then the angel who talked with me returned and woke me up, like someone awakened from sleep. ²He asked me, “What do you see?” I answered, “I see a solid gold lampstand with a bowl at the top and seven lamps on it, with seven channels to the lamps.

Zechariah 4:1-6 (NIV)

Waking Up is a Work of the Spirit

³Also there are two olive trees by it, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left.” ⁴I asked the angel who talked with me, “What are these, my lord?” He answered, “Do you not know what these are?” “No, my lord,” I replied.

Zechariah 4:1-6 (NIV)

Waking Up is a Work of the Spirit

So he said to me, “This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the Lord Almighty.

Zechariah 4:1-6 (NIV)