

## Ephesians 5:15

“Be very CAREFUL then, how you live...  
not as unwise, but as wise.”

*akribos* = motivated, deliberate, observant...  
Opposite of reckless or thoughtless.

\* This does not mean living in fear.

# United Brethren membership standards

*“urged to abstain”*

- Drugs and Alcohol
- Gambling

*“forbidden”*

- Occult
- Secret Societies
- Abortion
- Genetic Engineering
- Euthanasia

*“able to disagree with respect”*

- Military

*“expect of members”*

- Baptism and Communion
- Reconciliation of disputes with believers  
using the Christian Community
- Participation in the local church (time,  
talent, treasure)
- Accountability to church leadership

These standards are not rules just because “you need rules!” They distill our historic interpretation of scripture, attempting to assist every sincere believer to answer God’s call for two things.

**Identification** with Christ

**Separation** from the world