




# EPHESIANS

DISCOVERING YOUR IDENTITY AND PURPOSE IN CHRIST



(17) So this I say, and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind, (18) being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart; (19) and they, having become callous, have given themselves over to sensuality for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness.

[Eph 4:17-19 NASB]



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(2 Cor. 4:4) “the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.”

(1 Cor. 2:14) “But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.”

(Rom. 1:21) “...their foolish hearts were darkened.”



“This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.”

[John 3:19-20]



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(20) But you did not learn Christ in this way, (21) if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus, (22) that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, (23) and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, (24) and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

[Eph 4:20-24 NASB]



“I can learn about Sir Winston Churchill because I own many of his books and can secure books about his life. But I can never “learn him” because he is dead. Jesus Christ is alive! Therefore, I can “learn Christ” through personal fellowship with Him.”


--Warren Wiersbe


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  3. These specific examples are merely the beginning of an ongoing practice of replacing our old habits with new ones.

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falsehood	speak truthfully	25
sinful anger	sinless/brief anger	26
stealing	work and share	28
unwholesome talk	talk that builds others up	29
bitterness rage anger brawling slander malice	kind compassionate forgiving	31-32

