

What's Holding You Back?

Ephesians 4:17-32

Put off the old man – Ephesians 4:17-19 NIV

¹⁷ So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking.¹⁸ They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts.¹⁹ Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed

Put on the new man – Ephesians 4:20-24 NIV

²⁰ That, however, is not the way of life you learned²¹ when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. ²² You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³ to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

1. What's in our hearts – A God given desire gone wrong = Choices
2. What we speak – Our words are powerful. What we say and how we say it matters
3. What we value – Where's our treasure? What are we seeking?

The heart of the Father towards you and me– The Prodigal son story Luke 15:11-24