

Therefore... because your identity has changed, let your lifestyle change as well. In other words...

Live out the identity that you've already been given.

"At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures... But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. ...Those who have trusted in God [must] be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good." – Titus 3

Living Your New Identity

1. Take an inventory of all your relationships. Are there any unresolved conflicts? If yes, ask God for the help you need in resolving it.
2. If applicable, before discussing a conflict with anyone else, pray for that person. Prayer softens hearts—including our own. Write down the name of that person you will commit to praying for _____.
3. If you've wronged another believer, take the first step toward making it right this week. How specifically will you do that? Do you need to return something? Do you owe money? Do you owe an apology? What?
4. If you've been wronged, release your desire for personal revenge and entrust justice to God. Yet, pray that God will be merciful and kind to the person who wronged you. *It's His kindness through you that leads one to repentance.*
5. Ask yourself before every difficult conversation, "Will my attitude and words reflect Christ or not?" If not, then a change of attitude is necessary before the conversation.
6. If someone is not directly involved in a difficult situation, then they don't need to know about it. Don't gossip in the form of prayer and don't vent to someone that shouldn't know. *Love covers up a multitude of sins.*
7. Pastoral counsel is always advisable when navigating through a difficult situation. *In a multitude of counselors there is safety.*
8. Don't sweat the small stuff, and it's always small stuff.
9. Identify one area of your former life that Christ has already changed. Celebrate His transforming grace and share that testimony with someone this week. Write down that area. _____
10. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal one area where your lifestyle still doesn't reflect your identity in Christ. Then surrender that area to Him. Repent of it. If you're having a hard time, seek help through prayer, healing, and/or deliverance. "I need to repent of this area in my life to Jesus: _____"