Is That Bacon I Smell

Ephesians 4:17-24

17So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. 18They are darkened in their understanding and alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardness of their hearts. 19Having lost all sense of shame, they have given themselves over to sensuality for the practice of every kind of impurity, with a craving for more. 20But this is not the way you came to know Christ. 21Surely you heard of Him and were taught in Him—in keeping with the truth that is in Jesus— 22to put off your former way of life, your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; 23to be renewed in the spirit of your minds; 24and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

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Change is the result of a deep life with God not the road to a deep like with God

God is giving clear directions

Ephesians 4:25-32

25Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one another. 26“Be angry, yet do not sin.” Do not let the sun set upon your anger, 27and do not give the devil a foothold. 28He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing good with his own hands, that he may have something to share with the one in need. 29Let no unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building up the one in need and bringing grace to those who listen. 30And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, in whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, outcry and

slander, along with every form of malice. 32Be kind and tenderhearted to one another, forgiving each other just as in Christ God forgave you.

Good intentioned people end up in bad places because the set their own direction instead of paying attention to god's directions.

God is giving us discernment

Ephesians 4:30

30And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, in whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

God's kindness can lead to repentance or righteousness. Choose righteousness.

God gives us a dinner table for our deficit.

Ephesians 4:32

32Be kind and tenderhearted to one another, forgiving each other just as in Christ God forgave you.

The greatest changing will not be the result of resisting the old man but in remembering the One who gave himself for us.

Ephesians 5:1-2

1Be imitators of God, therefore, as beloved children, 2and walk in love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant sacrificial offering to God.