

Series: Revealing the Glory of the Church

Our Lifestyle, Part II

Eph. 4:17-32

A Changed Heart Requires a Changed Lifestyle

2 Cor. 5:17, Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

A Changed Lifestyle means never going back

17-19, 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.

A Changed Lifestyle demands a new mindset

20-24, **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**.

1. Lying

25, Therefore, laying aside **falsehood**, SPEAK TRUTH EACH ONE of you WITH HIS NEIGHBOR, for we are members of one another.

2. Anger

26-27, **BE ANGRY**, AND yet **DO NOT SIN**; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27, and do not give the devil an opportunity.

3. Stealing

28, He who steals must **steal no longer**; but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have something to share with one who has need.

4. Speech

29, Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear.

Mt. 12:36, “But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment.”

30, Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

31-32, Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. 32, Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, **just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.**