

Walk in Purity

Ephesians 4:17-32

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Earlier in this chapter the believer's relationship to the church was described and the importance of _____ spiritually step-by-step with _____ activity. Now Paul deals with the believer's relationship to the world. We are "in Christ" and a part of the body, but we are also in the world where there is temptation and _____. We have a responsibility to witness of Christ, but we must walk in _____ and not allow the world to defile us.

A. Avoid _____ Lifestyles (vv. 17-19)

1. _____ thoughts (v. 17)
 - a. The _____ standards of the world must be abandoned.
 - b. Adopt a _____ standard for conduct and life.
2. Closed _____ (v. 18a)
 - a. Born with moral and spiritual _____
 - b. Unable to _____ distinguish right from wrong
3. _____ hearts (v. 18b)
 - a. No _____ to see
 - b. _____ — covered with a callous
4. Impure and _____ thoughts (v. 19)
 - a. _____ to moral and spiritual truth because they had _____ God's moral principles

- b. Unquenchable _____ for more
"Lasciviousness" denotes excess, absence of _____, indecency. The prominent idea is shameless _____.

B. Adopt a _____ Lifestyle (vv. 20-32)

1. Have a _____ of spiritual thoughts and attitudes
 - a. The _____ is now seen.
 - b. Absolute _____ is in Jesus alone!
2. Put _____ the old self, including:
 - a. _____
 - b. Uncontrolled _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____ longings
 - e. _____ the Holy Spirit
 - (1). It _____ his loving and merciful operations in the heart.
 - (2). It affects us negatively and _____ out our most earnest efforts in the service of Christ.
3. Put _____ the new self, including:
 - a. _____
 - b. _____ labor
 - c. Helping those in _____
 - d. _____ up one another
 - e. Kindness and _____
 - f. _____