Christians Should Live Worthy Of Their Calling

- A. Discard The Old Life (4:17-19)
 - 1. Futility of the mind (4:17)
 - a. A perverse state
 - **1 Timothy 6:5**
 - 2. A passed state

Ephesians 2:2

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- A. Discard The Old Life (4:17-19) continued
 - 2. Darkness in understanding (4:18)
 - a. A lack of interest

Romans 1:21

b. A lot of ignorance

Romans 1:28

- 3. Indulgence in sin (4:19)
 - a. No conscience

1 Timothy 4:2

b. No control

Proverbs 25:28

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- B. Develop A New Mindset (4:20-24)
 - 1. Learning from Christ (4:20-21)
 - a. By hearing
 - **Proverbs 1:5**
 - b. By heeding

Psalm 86:11

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- B. Develop A New Mindset (4:20-24) continued
 - 2. Renewed in the spirit of the mind (4:22-24)
 - a. A permanent change (v 22)
 - 2 Corinthians 5:17
 - b. A practiced change (v 23)
 - 2 Corinthians 4:6
 - c. A perceived change (v 24)
 - **Romans 12:2**
 - 2 Corinthians 7:1

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- C. Demonstrate The New Life (4:25-32)
 - 1. Speak truthfully (4:25)
 Matthew 5:37
 - 2. Control anger (4:26-27)
 - a. Rage righteously (at sin)
 Psalm 4:4
 - b. Release anger quickly Hebrews 12:15
 - c. Regard the danger of anger Acts 8:22-23

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- C. Demonstrate The New Life (4:25-32) continued
 - 3. Show kindness and forgiveness (4:28-32)
 - a. Through labor (v 28)
 - b. Through language (v 29)

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- C. Demonstrate The New Life (4:25-32) continued
 - 3. Show kindness and forgiveness (4:28-32)
 - c. Through love by God's grace (vv 30-32)
 - 1). Grace that seals
 - 2 Timothy 1:9
 - 2). Grace that conquers hate (v 31)

Ephesians 4:31

Romans 5:20

3). Grace that forgives (v 32)

Live A Life Pleasing To Christ

Walk The Right Way Ephesians 5:1-21

Your Walk Reveals Who You Truly Worship

- A. Actively follow Christ (5:1-2)
 - 1. As dear children (v 1)
- Ephesians 5:1
- Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;
- 1 Corinthians 11:1
- Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.
- **Romans 8:14**
- For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

- A. Actively follow Christ (5:1-2) continued
 - 2. As devoted (v 2)

Ephesians 5:2

And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

Romans 12:1

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

- B. Avoid sin in your life (5:3-5)
- Ephesians 5:3-5
- 3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness,
- let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;
- 4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which
- are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.
- 5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean
- person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any
- inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

- B. Avoid sin in your life (5:3-5)
 - 1. Do not look for sin
- **Romans 13:14**
- But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.
 - 2. Do not allow for sin
- **Galatians 5:16-17**
- 16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.
- 17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

- C. Avoid sinners in your life (5:6-7)
- Ephesians 5:6-7
- 6 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.
- 7 Be not ye therefore partakers with them.

- C. Avoid sinners in your life (5:6-7)
 - 1. Do not listen to them (v 6)
- 1 Timothy 1:5-7
- 5 Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned:
- 6 From which some having swerved have turned aside unto vain jangling;
- 7 Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm.

- C. Avoid sinners in your life (5:6-7)
 - 2. Do not live with them (v 7)

Psalm 1:1

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

Proverbs 22:24-25

- 24 Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go:
- 25 Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul.

- A. See light (5:8-9)
- Ephesians 5:8-9
- 8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:
- 9 (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)

Matthew 6:22

The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

- **B.** Show light (5:10-14)
 - 1. In your walk (v 10)
- Ephesians 5:10
- Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.
- **Matthew 5:14-16**
- 14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.
- 15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.
- 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

- B. Show light (5:10-14) continued
 - 2. In your way (vv 12-13)
- **Ephesians 5:11-12**
- 11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.
- 12 For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.

John 8:12

Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

- B. Show light (5:10-14) continued
 - 3. In the world (vv 13-14)
- **Ephesians 5:13-14**
- 13 But all things that are reproved are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light.
- 14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

- B. Show light (5:10-14) continued
 - 3. In the world (vv 13-14)
 - a. With effect (v 13)

Matthew 5:13

Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

b. With effort (v 14)

Romans 13:11

And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.

- A. Looking out (5:15-16)
- **Ephesians 5:15-16**
- 15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,
- 16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

- **B.** Looking up (5:17-18)
- **Ephesians 5:17-18**
- 17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.
- 18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

- **C.** Looking in (5:19-21)
 - 1. Adoration to God (v 19)
- **Ephesians 5:19**
- Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

- **C.** Looking in (5:19-21)
 - 2. Appreciation to God (v 20)
- Ephesians 5:20
- Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;
 - 3. Attitude pleasing to God (v 21)
- **Ephesians 5:21**
- Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

Which Direction Are You Walking?