

“GROW UP & GET TO WORK!” [Part 9]

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- I. Walk Worthy of Your Calling (Eph. 4:1-6)
- II. Christ's Gifts to the Church (Eph. 4:7-16)
- III. Put Off the Old Man (Eph. 4:17-22)
- IV. Put On the New Man (Eph. 4:23-32)

III. PUT OFF THE OLD MAN [NATURE] (4:17-22)

- A. We're called to live differently than unbelievers (v. 17).
- B. How unbelievers live – how not to live (vv. 18-19):
 - 1. Their understanding is darkened (v. 18a).
 - 2. They are alienated from the life of God (v. 18b).
 - 3. They are ignorant with blind hearts (v. 18c).
 - 4. Their conscience is numb – no conviction of sin (v. 19a).
 - 5. They've given themselves over to various sins (v. 19b).
- C. This isn't the life Christ modelled or calls us to live (v. 20).
- D. Hear & be taught by Jesus whose essence is truth (v. 21).
- E. Put off the old nature and its deeds (v. 22).

IV. PUT ON THE NEW MAN [NATURE] (4:23-32)

***This is the purpose of putting off the old man!**

- A. Be renewed in the spirit of your mind (v. 23).
- B. Put on the new man [nature] (v. 24; Rom. 12:2).
 - 1. Put away lying (v. 25; Zech. 8:16).
 - 2. Don't sin when you get angry (v. 26a).
 - 3. Deal promptly with your anger and conflicts (v. 26b).
 - 4. Don't give the devil a foothold (v. 27).
 - 5. Don't steal (v. 28a).
 - a. Do respectable work respectably (v. 28b).
 - b. Give to others in need (v. 28c).
 - 6. Only speak edifying, grace-filled words (v. 29).
 - 7. Don't grieve the Holy Spirit (v. 30).
 - 8. Put away **ALL** bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor [harsh words], evil speaking and malice [revenge] (v. 31).
 - 9. Be kind, tenderhearted and forgiving to others (v. 32).

CONCLUSION: Putting off the old man and putting on the new man is our responsibility! There are no acceptable excuses! This is what it looks like to grow up! This is how we're to use our gifts and walk worthy of our calling!