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A Pattern or Lifestyle of The Christian Life

Ephesians 4:17–32

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Verse 17

This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind.

I. The World Around Us (vv. 17–19).

A. The apostle Paul is speaking insistently about the world.

- **1 Tim. 4:2 saying: *speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron.***
- **In V. 19, “*past feeling*”**
- **V. 18: ... *being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart.***

II. The Change Within Us (vv. 20–24).

A. But we have not so learned Christ,
wrote the apostle.

- **1 Peter 4:3-4: “We have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles – when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties and abominable idolatries. ⁴In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation speaking evil of you.”**

**B. Paul goes on to describe the
change in terms of our dress.**

Philippians 2:5-8:

***Let this mind be in you which was also in
Christ Jesus,***

***⁶who, being in the form of God, did not
consider it robbery to be equal with God,***

***⁷but made Himself of no reputation,
taking the form of a bond-servant, and
coming in the likeness of men,***

***⁸...humbled Himself and became obedient
to the point of death, even the death of
the cross.***

III. The Demands Upon Us (vv. 25–32).

- A. v. 25 begins with the word,
*“Therefore”***
- B. Our Morality (v. 25).**
- C. Our Mood (vv. 26–27).**
- D. Our Money (v. 28).**
- E. Our Mouths (vv. 29–30).**
- F. Our High-mindedness (vv. 31–32).**

Romans 12:1–2

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

²And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Things You Will Never Be Sorry For:

**For telling the truth;
For living a pure life;
For your faith in Christ;
For acknowledging your sins;
For doing your best;
For thinking before judging;
For forgiving your enemies;
For helping a fallen brother;
For being loyal to the church;
For standing by your principles;
For being courteous and kind;
For money given to the Lord's cause;
For being honest in business.**