



“CHRISTIAN BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE”

Ephesians 4:17-32

> (v17-24) From “OLD MAN” to “NEW MAN”!

(v17-19) The word “walk” speaks of “ordering one’s behavior.”

- Observe the ungodly “Gentile walk” (8 steps to evil-lution):
 - (1) “Futility of their mind” – King Solomon wrote in Ecclesiastes 1:2 - *“Vanity of vanities, all is vanity.”*
 - (2) “Understanding darkened” - John 3:19-21 - *And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.”*
 - (3) “Alienated from the life of God” – (like Cain – Genesis Ch. 4)
 - (4) “Being ignorant” – (willful ignorance, Jesus said in Matthew 13:14-15 - *‘Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, and seeing you will see and not perceive; For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, so that I should heal them.’*
 - (5) “Blindness of their heart” - 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 - *But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*
 - (6) “Past feeling” (callousness, scar tissue - Pharaoh hardened his heart - Exodus 9:27,34; 10:16,20).)
 - (7) “Given over to lewdness” (Samson – Judges Ch. 13 - 16)

(8) **“Given over to greed”** (remember Judas Iscariot or Zacchaeus Luke 19:3)

(v20-24) The way of the new Christian man or woman will (5 practices):
#1 - LEARN CHRIST – By HEARING Him, being TAUGHT by Him!

#2 - Know that the TRUTH is in JESUS! - John 14:6 - Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

**#3 - “PUT OFF THE OLD MAN” with its sinful “conduct” and “lusts”!
(Be careful if you do not put off the old sinful nature, you will grow corrupt, and deceive yourself!)**

#4 Be RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT OF YOUR MIND! (Philippians 4:8-9

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Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy — meditate on these things. 9 The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

#5 - Put on the NEW MAN CREATED ACCORDING TO GOD, IN TRUE RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HOLINESS! (You must be born again! – John 3:3-7)

> (v25-29) From SIN to SANCTIFICATION!

- **Take note of the DON'T & THE DO of the CHRISTIAN LIFE:**
(v25) DON'T LIE! – DO - ALWAYS SPEAK THE TRUTH!

(v26) DON'T BE ANGRY PASSED SUNDOWN! (Do not give opportunity to the Devil.) – DO REPENT, BE RECONCILED, MAKE A RESOLVE!

(v27) DON'T STEAL! – DO - GET A JOB, GO TO WORK & HELP (BLESS) OTHERS!

(v28) DON'T USE CORRUPT WORDS (cursing, demeaning, hurtful words) – DO - EDIFY ONE ANOTHER (Be positive, build up and bless others), IMPART GRACE TO THE HEARERS!

> (v30-32) From GRIEF to GLORY!

(v30) The person of the Holy Spirit can be “grieved” if we do not put on the NEW MAN after CHRIST!

(v31-32) Final checklist – Have you “put away ALL”:

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| - BITTERNESS – | Yes | No |
| - WRATH - | Yes | No |
| - ANGER - | Yes | No |
| - CLAMOR - | Yes | No |
| - EVIL SPEAKING - | Yes | No |
| - MALICE - | Yes | No |

Are YOU:

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| - KIND TO ANOTHER - | Yes | No |
| - TENDERHEARTED - | Yes | No |
| - FORGIVING - | Yes | No |