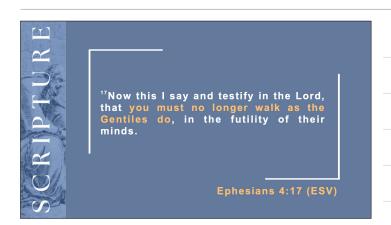




NEW SELF

¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10 (ESV) ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV) ⁹Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. Colossians 3:9-10 (NIV)

NEW PEOPLE WALK DIFFERENTLY

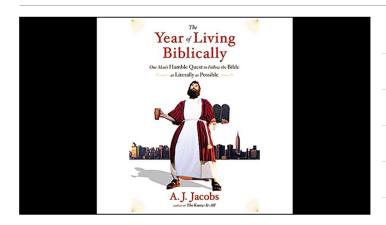




¹I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called,

Ephesians 4:1 (ESV)

If we are going to TALK the TALK, we must WALK the WALK.



5 Commitments
for an Effective Christian Walk



1

Commit to walk in truth and light without compromise.
[v. 17-19]



¹⁷So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking.

Ephesians 4:17 (NIV)



¹⁸They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts.

Ephesians 4:18 (NIV

Darkened Hearts

Romans 8:17-24

¹⁸The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, ¹⁹since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them.

Romans 1:18-24 (NIV)

²⁰For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

Romans 1:18-24 (NIV)

²¹For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Romans 1:18-24 (NIV)

²²Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools ²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like amortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.

Romans 1:18-24 (NIV)

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24Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another.

Romans 1:18-24 (NIV)



¹⁹Having <u>lost all sensitivity</u>, <u>they have</u> <u>given themselves</u> over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed.

Ephesians 4:19 (NIV)



2 Commit to walk in our new identity in Christ. [v. 20-24]

CRIPTURE

²⁰That, however, is not the way of life you learned ²¹when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus.

Ephesians 4:20-21 (NIV



²²You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to <u>put off</u> your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴and to <u>put on</u> the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Enhesians 4:22-24 (NIV)

Things are only impossible until they are not.

Roger Bannister breaking the 4-minute mile.





PHESIANS

3

Commit to integrity in every form (actions, character, & speech). [v. 25, 28-29]



²⁵Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body.

Ephesians 4:25 (NIV



²⁸Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

Ephesians 4:28 (NIV)

CRIPTURE

²⁹Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

Ephesians 4:29 (NIV)



4

Commit to not be controlled by your emotions, but by God's Spirit. [v. 26-27, 31]



²⁶"In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷ and do not give the devil a foothold.

Ephesians 4:26-27 (NIV)

CRIPTURE

³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

Ephesians 4:30 (NIV)

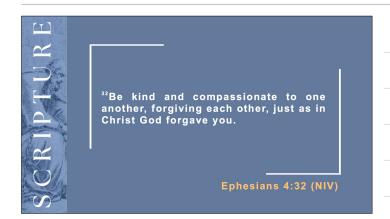


³¹Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.

Ephesians 4:31 (NIV

5

Commit to walk in the grace found in Christ and not in the prison of past mistakes. [v. 32]



ACTION ITEM EXERCISE:

- 1) Write down the items causing you to stumble in your walk with Christ.
- 2) Narrow the list to the top 5
- 3) Out of the top 5, narrow the list to the top 2.
- 4) Out of the top 2, select the top 1.
- 5) Make a 30-day improvement plan for this one area. Research ways to improve, write bible verses, and then develop a presentation on the subject and teach it.