

[Ephesians]

Lesson 6

**Believers Should Live According
to Their New Position in Christ.**

(Part 1)

(Ephesians 4:17-32)



1. Christians Should Not Follow Their Past, Worldly Ways.



(Ephesians 4:17) *This I say therefore, and testify (**say strongly**) in the Lord, that ye henceforth (**now-continuing**) **walk (live) not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity (**no good**) of their mind,***



[Eph. 4:1; Rom 12:1-2] God's mercies are great towards us... let us show our thanks... let us show that we belong to God—we are God's children now—let us live like God's children. Let us not live like the world.

The world's thinking is NO good—their thoughts give NO help... NO continuing joy, peace or satisfaction. They are blind to the Truth and do NOT know the way to eternal life.

(Ephesians 4:18) *Having the understanding darkened, being alienated (*separated*) from the life of God through the ignorance (*not know*) that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart (*stubborn / cannot feel-hard*):*



[Rom. 1:18, 21-22, 28; 3:11] In the beginning God showed all people the Truth; but people stubbornly rejected God choosing to be separate from God...

People covered their eyes and ears... they chose to be blind and deaf to the Truth.

(Ephesians 4:19) *Who (the world) being past feeling (hard heart) have given themselves over unto lasciviousness (filthy sin / no control), to work all uncleanness with greediness (never satisfied).*

*The world through continual rejection of God's Truth have become hardened against Truth.



[Rom 1:28-32] The children of Satan live sinful lives.

2. Christians Should Put Off the Works Old Man and Put On the Works of the New Man.



(Ephesians 4:20-21) *But ye have not so learned Christ;* (21) *If so be that ye have heard him (Jesus), and have been taught by him (Jesus), as the truth is in Jesus:*

*Jesus's way is NOT the same as Satan's way.

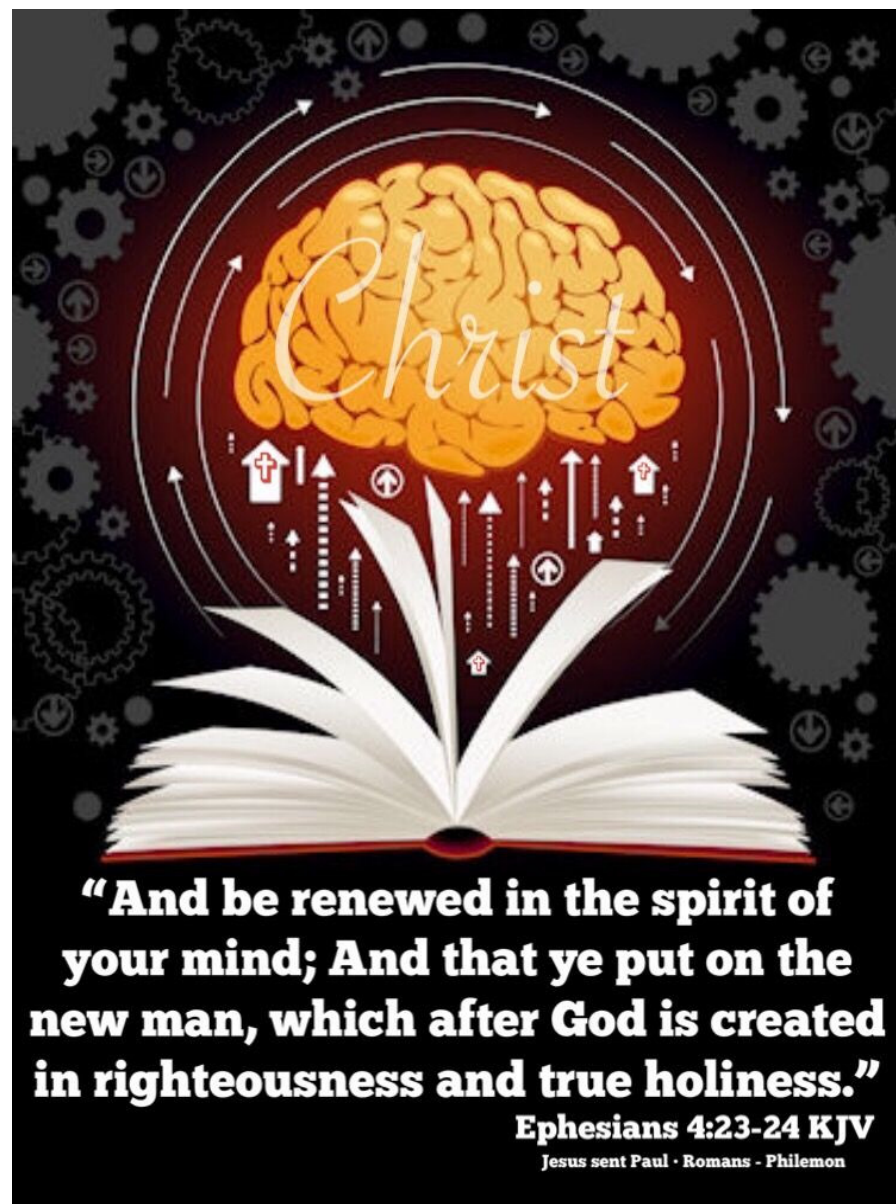
*Christians have received the Truth and know how to live right and holy lives like Jesus.

(Ephesians 4:22) *That ye **put off** concerning the former (*past*) conversation (*works*) the **old man**, which is **corrupt** (*only bad*) according to the deceitful lusts (*bad wants*);*



(Ephesians 4:23-24) *And be renewed (make new) in the spirit of your mind; (24) And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.*

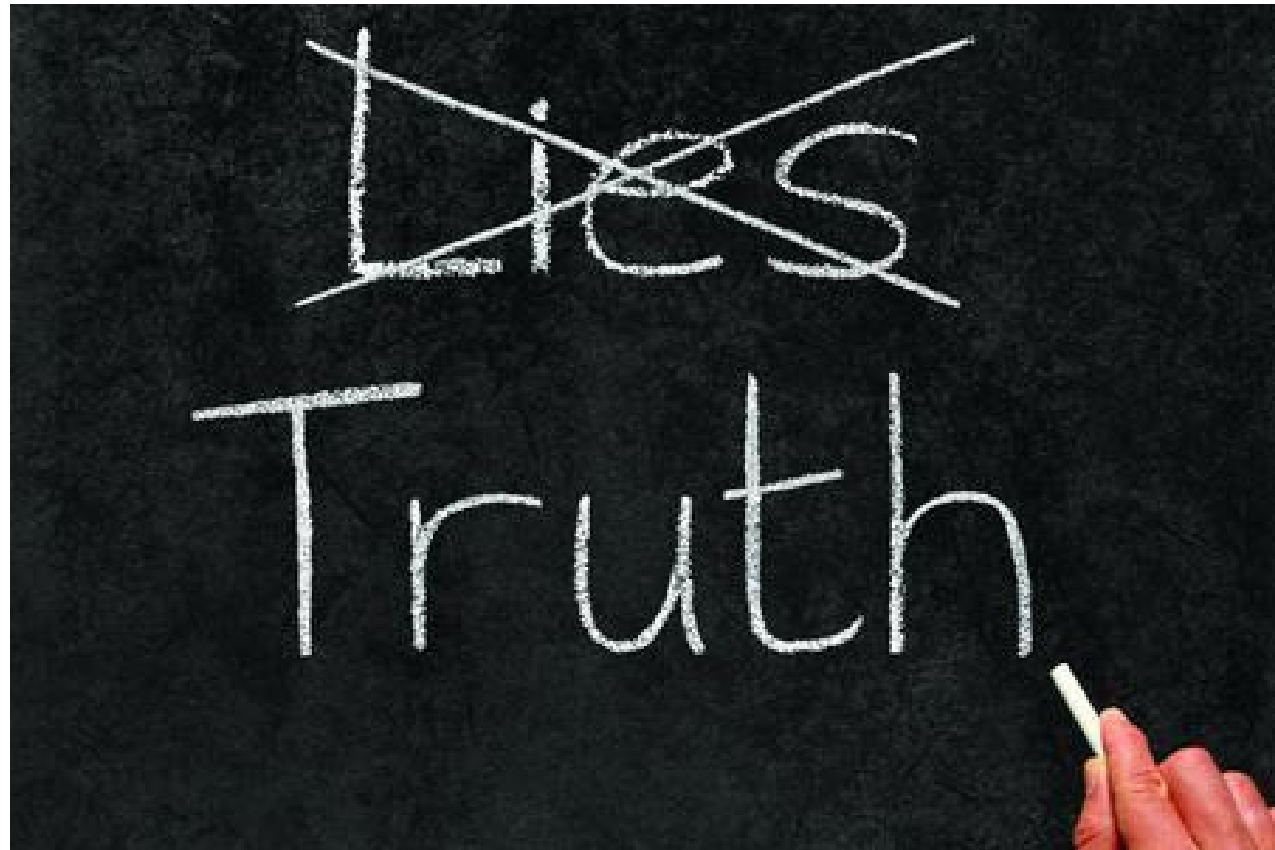
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3. Examples of Casting Off the Old Man's Works and Putting On the New.



(Ephesians 4:25) *Wherefore (then) putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we (church) are members one of another.*



(Ephesians 4:26) *Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:*

[Mark 3:5] Christians should feel anger at sin same as Jesus felt anger at sin.




[Rom. 12:19] But we should **quickly** give our anger over to God and let Him be the Judge. If we try to be the Judge and get revenge, we sin.

(Ephesians 4:27) *Neither give place (**make a room**) to the devil.*

*If you give a little, later Satan will try to take all.

Ephesians 4:26-27

Be ye **angry**  and **Sin not** 

Let not the sun  go down

upon your **wrath**

[Or you] give place to  the **devil**

(Ephesians 4:28) *Let him that stole **steal no more**: but rather let him **labour**, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have **to give to him that needeth.***



HE WHO STEALS MUST STEAL NO MORE

Rather, he must labour with his own hands

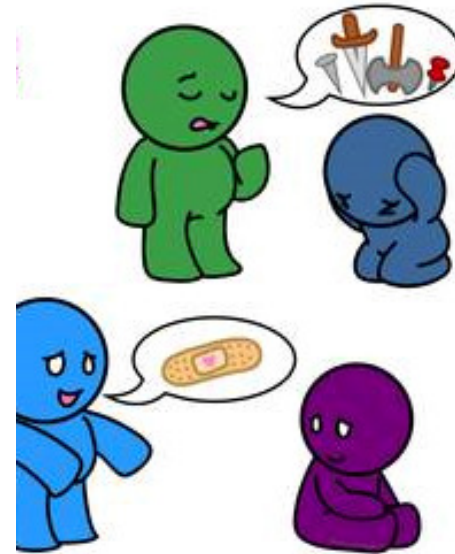
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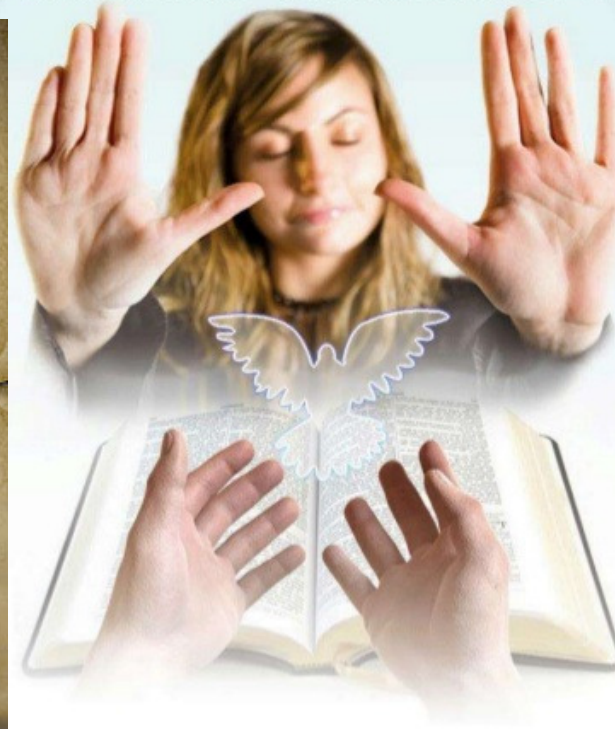
(Ephesians 4:29) *Let no corrupt (bad) communication (talk) proceed (go) out of your mouth...*



but that (talk) which is good to the use of edifying (making strong), that it (talk) may minister (serve) grace (good help) unto the hearers.

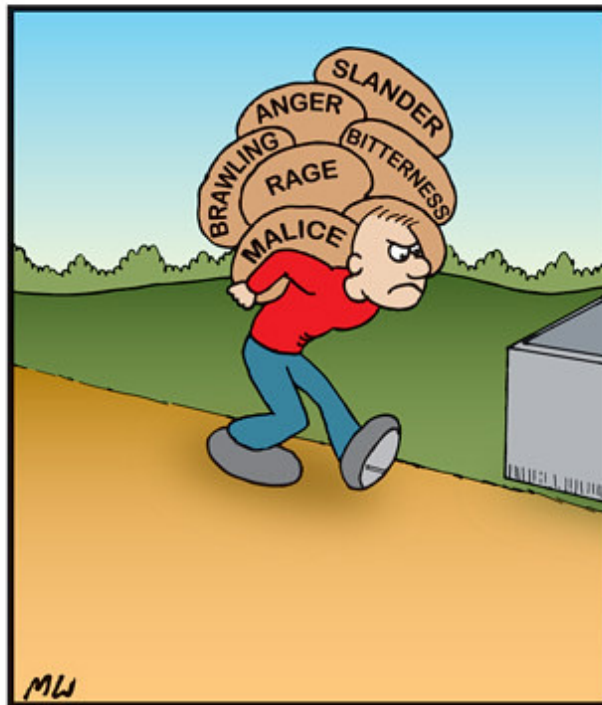
(Ephesians 4:30) *And grieve (sad—hurt) not the holy Spirit of God, whereby (with the Holy Spirit) ye are sealed (kept) unto the day of redemption.*

GRIEVING AND RESISTING THE SPIRIT



(Ephesians 4:31) *Let all bitterness (feel bad against), and wrath (mad—anger), and anger (feel against), and clamour (shout), and evil speaking (talk against), be put away from you, with all malice (feel hate):*

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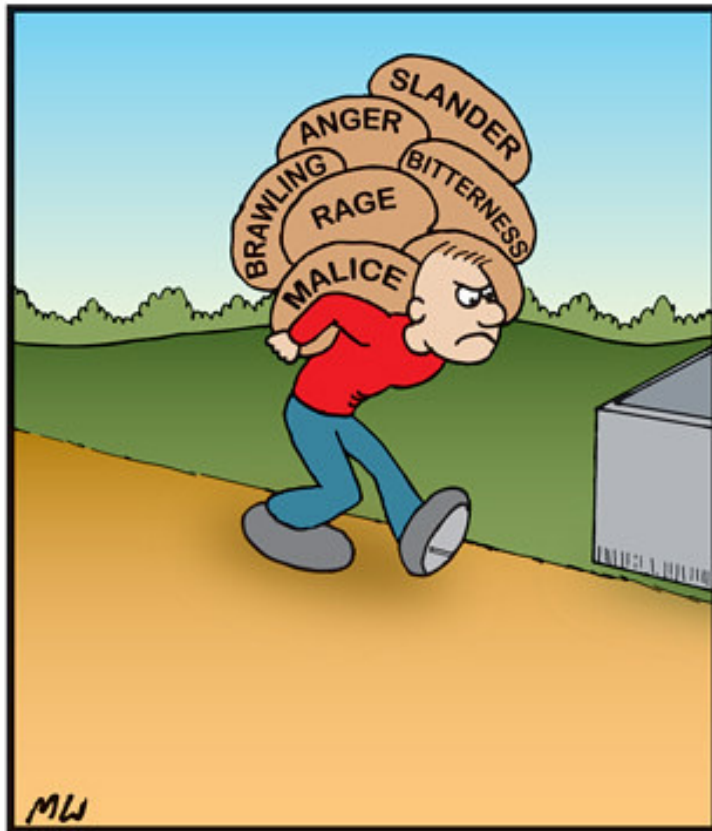


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(Ephesians 4:32) *And be ye kind (**gentle**) one to another, tenderhearted (**good feeling**), forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.*

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