

Key Scripture:

Ephesians 5:25-27 NLT

25...**Christ loved the church.** He gave up His life for her 26 to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word. 27 He did this to present her to Himself **as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle** or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault.

Walking in the wrong shoes...

Ephesians 4:17-19 NKJV

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,** 18 having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; 19 who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

Clothing of a life without purpose...

- ✓ **Darkened Understanding** – Knowledge is unequal to light of wisdom.
- ✓ **Alienated from God** – A persons sin separates them from God.
- ✓ **Ignorance of God's Ways** – Does not excuse one from consequences.
- ✓ **Hardness of Heart** – Calloused or petrified heart.
- ✓ **A State of Not Feeling** – A deadened conscience does not feel.

Throwing off the old...

Ephesians 4:20-22 TLB

20 But **that isn't the way Christ taught you!**

21 If you have really heard His voice and learned from Him the truths concerning Himself, 22 then **throw off your old evil nature-the old you** that was a partner in your evil ways-rotten through and through, full of lust and shame.

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Change Your Clothes

Change your clothes...

Ephesians 4:23-24 TLB

23 Now your attitudes and thoughts must all be constantly **changing for the better.**
 24 Yes, you must be a new and different person, holy and good.
Clothe yourself with this new nature.

1. Clothe your words with life.

Ephesians 4:25 TLB

Stop lying to each other; **tell the truth,** for we are parts of each other and when we lie to each other we are hurting ourselves.

- ✓ **Common Conversation** – Let your words be life giving.

Ephesians 4:29 NLT

Don't use foul or abusive language. **Let everything you say be good and helpful,** so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.

- ✓ **Keep Your Word** – Honor your word in the little things.
- ✓ **Tell the Truth** – The whole truth and nothing but the truth.

2. Clothe your feelings with self-control.

Ephesians 4:26-27 NLT

26 And **"don't sin by letting anger control you."** Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry, 27 for anger gives a foothold to the devil.

3. Clothe your actions with good hard work.

Ephesians 4:28 NLT

If you are a thief, quit stealing. Instead, **use your hands for good hard work,** and then give generously to others in need.

4. Clothe your relationships with righteous living.

Ephesians 4:30-32 NLT

30 And **do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live.** Remember, He has identified you as His own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption. 31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. 32 Instead, **be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another,** just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

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