

Your Old Way of Life

Ephesians 4:17-19 Message

Since you no longer have the unbeliever's spiritual nature, stop behaving like them.

Ephesians 4:17-32 Outline

Discover the vastness of God's love in calling you (1-3)

Walk in a manner worthy of your calling (4-6)

Walk in unity (4:1-16)


Walk in holiness (4:17-32)

Don't conduct yourselves the way unbelievers do (4:17-19)


Conduct yourselves according to your new way of life (4:20-32)

Ephesians 4:17-19

Don't walk like
unbelievers
(17a)



You no longer
have the
unbeliever's
nature (17b-18)



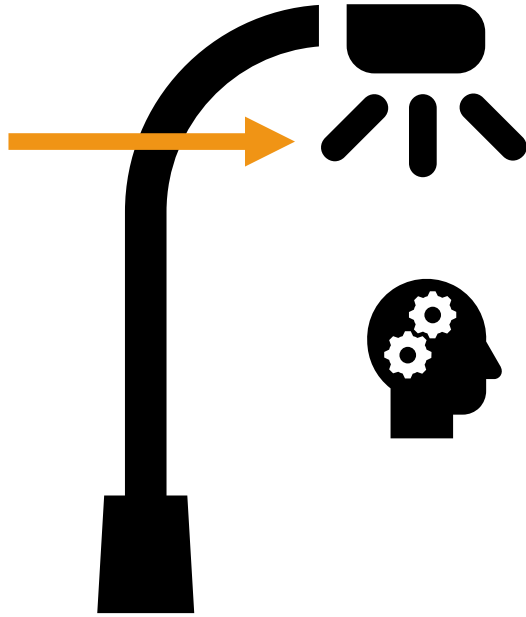
So don't imitate
the unbeliever's
conduct (19)

Eph 4:17-18 Definitions

- **Walk:** pictures a person's lifestyle
- **Futility:** emptiness, having no purpose, vanity
- **Mind** (*nous*): our ability to think or understand
- **Understanding** (*dianoia*): our thinking and reasoning process

Understanding: To be illumined by truth

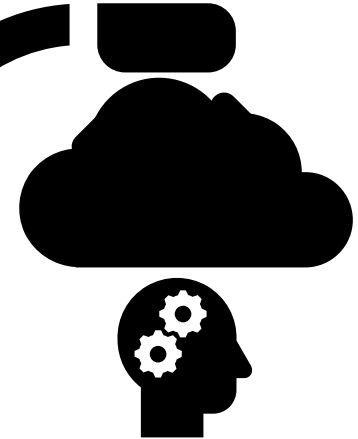
God's Word:
Principles
Precepts
Commands
Ways



God's Truth



God's Truth



Unbeliever's spiritual status

Hard hearts toward God caused...

1

Ignorance of God's truth, which caused...

2

Alienation from the life God gives, leading to...

3

Darkened minds, which led to...

4

Walking in futility

A sensual appetite with no boundaries

Licentiousness

Unrestrained desires

Includes lust, drunkenness and sinning just for the fun of it

No regard to what God thinks

Sensuality

Eph 4:19 Definitions

- **Practice:** work, occupation
- **Impurity:** a broad range of moral uncleanness
- **Greediness:** coveting, “I want more!”

Eph 4:17-19 Application

- Is the pursuit of God and His word the chief use of your mind?
- Do you flood your mind with the light of Scripture to drive out old thinking processes and fill it with new thinking processes?
- If you have the life of God, is it obvious to other people?
- Spiritual ignorance shrinks as you learn God's word.
- Keep your heart tender by pursuing a deeper relationship with God (Jer 24:7).
- Don't let your desires lead you. Bring them in line with God's desires.
- Replace any impure habit with a habit that is morally pure.
- Replace what you are greedy for with serving God and others.