

No More Futility (Eph 4:17-19)

17-19 The way we used to live

20-24 The Process of walking in newness

25-32 Application of this process to various areas of life

Big Idea We must no longer walk/ live the way we used to/ the world does.

¹⁷Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. ¹⁹They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. Eph 4:17-19 ESV

Command (17)

The Weight of the command *¹⁷Now this I say and testify in the Lord*

The Content of the command *no longer*

walk/live as gentiles do.

In the futility of their mind.

Character (18)

¹⁸They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. Eph 4:18 ESV

Darkened understanding

Alienated from life of God

Ignorance

Hardness of heart

Conduct (19) ¹⁹*They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity.* Eph 4:19 ESV

Callous

Sensuality

Impurity/ uncleanness

Principles

Don't think like the world.

How we view truth

What we value

¹⁹ *"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.* Mt 6:19-21 ESV

Don't behave like the world

Becoming callous

Sensuality

Application

Repent

Call on God to change us from the inside out

Get help from others.

⁹ *Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: ¹⁰ If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!* Ecclesiastes 4:9-10