

A SOLID FOUNDATION FOR A GREAT CHURCH

Intentionally Live Up to Your Calling

Ephesians 4:17-21

Christians can't live in the old and the new at the same time.

Ephesians 4:17

The Apostle Paul is speaking from an inner spiritual passion.

Testify: *to make a serious declaration on the basis of presumed personal knowledge.*

Johannes P. Louw and Eugene Albert Nida, vol. 1, *Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament : Based on Semantic Domains*, electronic ed. of the 2nd edition. (New York: United Bible societies, 1996), 412.

Colossians 1:21-23

No good comes from worldly living which always results from futile thinking.

Futility: *As Christian faith is vain if it does not accept the reality of the resurrection, so Christian religion is vain if it ignores the divine command in arrogant self-deception*

Gerhard Kittel, Gerhard Friedrich and Geoffrey William Bromiley, *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament* (Grand Rapids, MI: W.B. Eerdmans, 1995), 572.

1 Peter 4:3-4; Romans 8:7-8

Unbelief and worldly living has infiltrated the church.

Ephesians 4:18

Too many people claim Christ but live worldly.

1 Corinthians 2:14; Ephesians 2:1-2

The mark of a true Christian is holy change.

1 Peter 1:14-15; 1 Thessalonians 4:4-5

Worldly living has a four step downward spiral

It begins with a hard heart.

Hebrews 3:13

A hard heart leads to willful ignorance toward God.

2 Timothy 3:6-7

This leads to further alienation from God.

Romans 1:22-23, 24

The final result is a darkened understanding of all things godly.

Romans 1:21; 2 Corinthians 4:3-4

Unbelief leads to vile living.

Ephesians 4:19

What you _____ leads inexorably to what you will

_____.

Romans 1:28

The downward spiral of a _____, _____ heart is seen in the following four ways.

“They have become _____”: *to lose the capacity to feel _____ or _____*

Johannes P. Louw and Eugene Albert Nida, vol. 1, *Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament : Based on Semantic Domains*, electronic ed. of the 2nd edition. (New York: United Bible societies, 1996), 309.

1 Timothy 4:1-2

Sensuality: *refers to total licentiousness, the absence of all _____, especially in the area of sexual sins... a disposition of the soul incapable of bearing the pain of _____.* The idea is that of unbridled self-indulgence and undisciplined obscenity.

John MacArthur, *Ephesians* (Chicago: Moody Press, 1996), 170-71.

Colossians 2:18; 2 Peter 2:10, 12; Romans 1:24

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Luke 12:15; 2 Peter 2:3

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Titus 1:15; Romans 1:29, 32

_____ and _____ cannot coexist in the church.

Ephesians 4:20

Wake up Christian and start living according to your

_____ (_____).

1 John 2:15-17; Ezekiel 36:26-27

_____ to _____ is the Christian's ONLY hope.

Matthew 17:5; Acts 3:22-23; 1 Thessalonians 4:1

_____ removes all excuses.

There is no _____ to live _____ when you've been:

1. _____ (“heard about him”):

aorist tense – a one time event

Ephesians 1:13

2. _____ sound _____

Ephesians 4:11; John 8:47; John 10:27-28

Biblical _____ is ALWAYS _____ on Jesus Christ.

1 John 5:20; John 14:6; 8:31-32