

Which Man Controls Me?

"That you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts." Ephesians 4:22 (NKJV)

How can we _____ our lives if the wrong man _____ us?

Ephesians 4:17-24 - Two Men, Two Different Life Perspectives

A. Examining our walk of life:

1. 4:1 - Christians are to walk _____ of their _____.
2. 4:17 - They should no longer _____ as the _____ do.

B. A matter of understanding:

1. Instead of immediately discussing their _____, Paul looked at what _____ their _____ - a flawed _____.
2. Many terms point to this wrong perspective on life:
 - a. "in the _____ of their _____"
 - b. "having their understanding _____"
 - c. "because of the _____ that is in them"
3. 4:19 - Because of this wrong perspective, they gave themselves over to _____, to work all _____.

C. Why we fail to understand the best life:

1. 4:20,21 - It all depends on what we _____ from Christ, since the _____ is in Him.
2. 4:22 - The _____ man grows _____ through _____ lusts. He is to be _____.
3. 4:23,24 - The _____ man is _____ according to God, in true _____ and _____. We must put him _____.

Ephesians 4:25-32 - How To Know Which Man Controls Me

A. Simple tests to determine who controls my life:

1. 4:25 - Instead of _____, we are to _____ truth to one another, since we are _____ of one another.
2. 4:26,27 - Instead of letting _____ cause us to _____, we must deal with it before the _____ goes _____.
3. 4:28 - Instead of _____, we must work with our own _____, and be ready to _____ with those in _____.
4. 4:29 - We should use no _____ words, but only those which impart _____ to the hearers.
5. 4:31,32 - Instead of _____, etc., we should show _____, _____ and _____ one another.

B. 4:30 - Let us be careful not to _____ the Holy _____ of God.

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