

How to Be You

Ephesians 4:17-24 including:

²²...in reference to your former manner of life,

1. you lay aside the old self, (= verses 17-19)
which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit,
2. ²³and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, (= verses 20-21)
3. ²⁴and put on the new self,
which in *the likeness of God* has been created
in righteousness and holiness of the truth. (= verses 25-5:21)

Your New Life

Ephesians 4:25-32 include #1-#7



Ephesians 5¹ Therefore

8. be imitators of God, as beloved children;
² and walk in love,
just as Christ also loved you, and gave Himself up for us,
an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.
9. ³ But do not let immorality or any impurity or greed even be named among you,
as is proper among saints;
10. ⁴ and *there must be no* filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting,
which are not fitting,
but rather giving of thanks.
⁵ For this you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure person
or covetous man, who is an idolater,
has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.
⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words,
for because of these things the wrath of God comes
upon the sons of disobedience.

1 Corinthians 6:9 ...do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals,
¹⁰ nor thieves, nor *the* covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

¹¹ And such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit of our God.

¹² All things are lawful for me, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be mastered by anything.

¹³ Food is for the stomach, and the stomach is for food; but God will do away with both of them. Yet the body is not for immorality, but for the Lord; and the Lord is for the body.

¹⁴ Now God has not only raised the Lord, but will also raise us up through His power.

¹⁵ Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take away the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? May it never be!

¹⁶ Or do you not know that the one who joins himself to a harlot is one body *with her*? For He says, "The two will become one flesh."

¹⁷ But the one who joins himself to the Lord is one spirit *with Him*.

¹⁸ Flee immorality. Every *other* sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body.

¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?

²⁰ For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

7:1 Now concerning the things about which you wrote, it is good for a man not to touch a woman.

² But because of immoralities, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband.

³ Let the husband fulfill his duty to his wife, and likewise also the wife to her husband.

⁴ The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband *does*; and likewise also the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife *does*.

⁵ Stop depriving one another, except by agreement for a time that you may devote yourselves to prayer, and come together again lest Satan tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

Proverbs 5:1 My son, give attention to my wisdom, Incline your ear to my understanding;

² That you may observe discretion, And your lips may reserve knowledge.

³ For the lips of an adulteress drip honey, And smoother than oil is her speech;

⁴ But in the end she is bitter as wormwood, Sharp as a two-edged sword.

⁵ Her feet go down to death, Her steps lay hold of Sheol.

⁶ She does not ponder the path of life; Her ways are unstable, she does not know *it*.

⁷ Now then, *my sons*, listen to me, And do not depart from the words of my mouth.

⁸ Keep your way far from her, And do not go near the door of her house,

⁹ Lest you give your vigor to others, And your years to the cruel one;

¹⁰ Lest strangers be filled with your strength, And your hard-earned goods go to the house of an alien;

¹¹ And you groan at your latter end, When your flesh and your body are consumed;

¹² And you say, "How I have hated instruction! And my heart spurned reproof!

¹³ "And I have not listened to the voice of my teachers, Nor inclined my ear to my instructors!

¹⁴ "I was almost in utter ruin In the midst of the assembly and congregation."

¹⁵ Drink water from your own cistern, And fresh water from your own well.

¹⁶ Should your springs be dispersed abroad, Streams of water in the streets?

¹⁷ Let them be yours alone, And not for strangers with you.

¹⁸ Let your fountain be blessed, And rejoice in the wife of your youth.

¹⁹ As a loving hind and a graceful doe, Let her breasts satisfy you at all times; Be exhilarated always with her love.

²⁰ For why should you, my son, be exhilarated with an adulteress, And embrace the bosom of a foreigner?

²¹ For the ways of a man are before the eyes of the LORD, And He watches all his paths.

²² His own iniquities will capture the wicked, And he will be held with the cords of his sin.

²³ He will die for lack of instruction, And in the greatness of his folly he will go astray.

Romans 1:18 ... the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

¹⁹ because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.

²⁰ For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

²¹ For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God, or give thanks; but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

²² Professing to be wise, they became fools,

²³ and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.

²⁴ Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, that their bodies might be dishonored among them.

²⁵ For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

²⁶ For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural,

²⁷ and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.

²⁸ And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper,

Matthew 5:27 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery';

²⁸ but I say to you, that everyone who looks on a woman to lust for her has committed adultery with her already in his heart.

²⁹ "And if your right eye makes you stumble, tear it out, and throw it from you; for it is better for you that one of the parts of your body perish, than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

³⁰ "And if your right hand makes you stumble, cut it off, and throw it from you; for it is better for you that one of the parts of your body perish, than for your whole body to go into hell.

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