

Becoming Fruitful Disciples: SAY "NO" TO THE OLD WALK

Ephesians 2:1-3 And you [He made alive], who were dead in trespasses and sins, ² **in which you once walked** according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, ³ among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

Our Past Situation – DEAD – Dead in trespasses and sins

Our Past Motivation – LED – in which you once walked

- **OUR PATH:** According to the course of this world
- **OUR POWER:** According to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience
- **OUR PURPOSE:** we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind
- **OUR PROBLEM:** were by nature children of wrath.

Ephesians 4:17-19 ¹⁷ This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that **you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk**, in the futility of their mind, ¹⁸ having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; ¹⁹ who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

Don't Walk Like The Gentiles – They Walk:

1. EMPTY-MINDED

In the futility of their mind
DEPRAVED "devoid of truth and appropriateness" (Thayer)

Worthless Thoughts
Destructive thoughts?
Impaired judgment
Inability to think truthful or appropriate thoughts

2. DARKENED

Having their understanding darkened

Darkened Understanding
Perfect passive

3. DISCONNECTED

Being alienated from the life of God

Alienated Relationship

4. IGNORANT

Because of the ignorance that is in them
DUMB?

5. BLIND

Because of the blindness of their heart
DENSE?

Blinded Perception

6. SHAMELESS

Being past feeling
DULL?

Dulled Conscience

They Are Driven By:

- **SEX:** Have given themselves over to lewdness (sexual indecency)
- **DIRT:** To work all uncleanness (lit. decayed flesh; immorality – opposite of holiness)
- **GREED:** with greediness.