

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:

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| 1. _____ | <p><i>In the futility of their mind</i>
 DEPRAVED “devoid of truth and appropriateness” (Thayer)</p> | <p>Worthless Thoughts
 Destructive thoughts?
 Impaired judgment
 Inability to think truthful or appropriate thoughts</p> |
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| 2. _____ | <p><i>Having their understanding darkened</i></p> | <p>Darkened Understanding
 Perfect passive</p> |
| 3. _____ | <p><i>Being alienated from the life of God</i></p> | <p>Alienated Relationship</p> |
| 4. _____ | <p><i>Because of the ignorance that is in them</i>
 DUMB?</p> | |
| 5. _____ | <p><i>Because of the blindness of their heart</i>
 DENSE?</p> | <p>Blinded Perception</p> |
| 6. _____ | <p><i>Being past feeling</i>
 DULL?</p> | <p>Dulled Conscience</p> |

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.