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Ephesians: Week 10
Living a Rich Life in a Poor World

Ephesians 4:17-29

So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. ¹⁸They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. ¹⁹Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more. ²⁰You, however, did not come to know Christ that way. ²¹Surely you heard of him and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. ²²You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. ²⁵Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body. ²⁶"In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷and do not give the devil a foothold. ²⁸He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need. ²⁹Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

I. Understanding Worldly Thinking

- Before a Christian will ever _____ different from the world they must _____ different.
- Christian thought is _____, not _____.
- _____ is merely a byproduct of _____ thinking.

1 John 2:15-17

- The world's thinking is _____.
- When our thinking is _____ our actions will be _____.
- A person's belief about the _____ will affect how he lives in the _____.

Ecclesiastes 3:11

- Worldly thinking leads to unbridled _____ and _____ towards God.

John 3:19

Colossians 1:21

- _____ and _____ are the only hope for a lost world.

II. Understanding Biblical Truth

Progression of truth:

_____ Truth - We cannot know truth apart from knowing Jesus.
John 14:6

_____ Truth - We cannot trust truth until we know God is good.
Jeremiah 29:11

_____ Truth – We cannot benefit from truth without exposing ourselves to it.
Ephesians 5:26
Romans 12:2

_____ Truth – Surrendering to truth results in freedom.
John 8:32

- Purpose, _____, and _____ are the byproducts of Biblical truth.

John 8:12

- When our thinking is from _____ we begin to live a life that rises _____.

III. Applying Biblical Truth

- The “Christian Walk” is not merely “doing our _____”, because the self that is trying harder is the same self that is causing the _____.
- The “Christian Walk” is a continual process of putting off the _____ self and putting on the _____.
- Putting off and putting on must be seen through the lens of the _____ and _____.
- When we put off, we are identifying with Christ’s _____.

Putting off the old is the belief that we cannot continue to live in something that Christ died for.

Galatians 2:20

- When we put on the new self (obedience), we are claiming the _____ to walk in the _____ we have through Christ’s resurrection.
- Victory comes when we remember the _____ of the cross and the _____ of the resurrection.
- Known truth breeds _____ but applied truth (put into practice) breeds _____.