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**Blueprint: Building a Solid Foundation of Faith**

**Ephesians 4:17-33**

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*“…walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called.”*

*Ephesians 4:1 ESV*

*"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me…”*

*1 John 1:6*

***17****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.****18****They 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.****19****Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed.*

***20****That, however, is not the way of life you learned****21****when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus.****22****You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires;****23****to be made new in the attitude of your minds;****24****and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.*

*Ephesians 4:17-24*

**Off with the grave clothes and on with the grace clothes.**

1. **Speak Truth**

*Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. - Ephesians 4:25*

1. **Handle Anger Well.**

*“In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry. - Ephesians 4:26*

1. **Anger Gives the Devil a Foothold.**

*…and do not give the devil a foothold. - Ephesians 4:27*

1. **Work Honestly and Share Generously**

*Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need. - Ephesians 4:28*

1. **Watch Your Words.**

*Do 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. - Ephesians 4:29*

*And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.*

*Ephesians 4:30*

*Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.*

*Ephesians 4:31*

*Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.*

*Ephesians 4:32*