

The Dynamics of Change and the New Life

Ephesians 4:17-24

We are all being _____ to fit our _____.

Walk no longer... *excluded from the life... lay aside the old self*

Be renewed... *put on the new self in the likeness of God*

Dynamics:

1. We are moving toward an ultimate _____.

- Our progress is _____. Walk 17
- We walk one of two separate _____.
 - *The old self (your former manner of life)* 22
 - *The new self (has been created)* 24

Apply: The new way of life is _____ !

The Old Self _____ *The New Self*

2. The course of our life path is determined by our _____.

mind, understanding, ignorance 18

learn... (20) taught, truth... (21) mind (23) truth (24)

- **Being** _____ -blind sets the course for how we _____.
the god of this world has _____ the _____ of unbelieving
2 Cor. 4:4
- **Because** of _____ many walk **in the futility of their** _____.
You will keep on hearing, but will not understand... Matt. 13:13-15
Ignorance: "...to exercise the mind..." Prefix – a

3. The course of our life path is guided by our _____.

Hardness of their heart...having become callous...given to sensuality 18-19

- Our _____ guides our _____ that guides our _____.
Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the _____ of life.
Prov. 4:23
- Having a _____ heart surrenders our life to _____.
Futile speculations... heart darkened... God gave them over Rom. 1:24

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Challenge: _____ tell where I'm _____ – they don't _____ me.

1. **Read the Signs:**

- _____: *Our thoughts, beliefs, reasoning*
- _____: *Our values, choices, dreams*
- _____: *Our habits, words, offerings*

I'm _____ **in the life of God** or _____ **from the life of God.**

2. **Receive new life from _____ - _____! Ezekiel 11:18-21 & 36:26-27**

- A _____ change, changes our _____. _____!
- A _____ change, changes our _____. _____!
- A _____ change requires our _____. _____!
 - It takes _____.
 - It can be _____.
 - It's _____ _____!

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We are all being changed to fit our destiny.

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<i>excluded from the life</i>	18
<i>lay aside the old self</i>	22
Be renewed...	23
<i>put on the new self in the likeness of God</i>	24

Dynamics:

1. We are moving toward an ultimate goal.

- Our progress is incremental. Walk 17
- We walk one of two separate ways.
 - *The old self (your former manner of life)* 22
 - *The new self (has been created)* 24

Apply: The new way of life is clearly different!

The Old Self	The New Self
<i>Just as the Gentiles</i>	<i>In the likeness of God</i>
<i>In the futility of their mind</i>	<i>Learn Christ</i>
<i>Darkened in understanding</i>	<i>Heard Him</i>
<i>Ignorance that is in them</i>	<i>Taught in Him...truth in Jesus</i>
<i>Corrupted...lusts of deceit</i>	<i>Renewed...in righteousness & holiness</i>
<i>Hardness of their hearts</i>	<i>kind...tender-hearted... (32)</i>
<i>Callous...sensuality</i>	<i>In love...not... (5:1-3)</i>
<i>Impurity with greediness</i>	<i>Love...sacrifice...not greed</i>

2. The course of our life path is determined by our mind.

- mind, understanding, ignorance* 18
learn.. (20) taught, truth... (21) mind (23) truth (24)
- **Being truth-blind** sets the course for how we **walk**.
the god of this world has blinded the minds of unbelieving 2 Cor. 4:4
 - **Because of ignorance** many walk **in the futility of their mind**.
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3. The course of our life path is guided by our heart.

Hardness of their heart...having become callous...given to sensuality 18-19

- Our heart guides our mind that guides our life.
Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.
Prov. 4:23
- Having a callous heart surrenders our life to sensuality.
Futile speculations... heart darkened... God gave them over Rom. 1:24

Challenge: Signs tell where I'm going – they don't take me.

1. **Read the Signs:**

- **Head:** *Our thoughts, beliefs, reasoning*
- **Heart:** *Our values, choices, dreams*
- **Hands:** *Our habits, words, offerings*

I'm renewed in the life of God or excluded from the life of God.

2. **Receive new life from inside-out! Ezekiel 11:18-21 & 36:26-27**

- A mind change, changes our destiny. *Repent!*
- A heart change, changes our course. *Believe!*
- A lifestyle change requires our effort. *Walk!*
 - It takes time.
 - It can be difficult.
 - It's worth it!