

# Sermon Outline

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## Instructions For How A Christian Is To Live: Part 2 A New Way of Thinking and Living

As Paul begins to amplify what he introduced in 4:1 (“I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called”) he begins to describe in very practical, easily understood statements, how we are to live as Christians.

The passage introduces some very practical and godly instructions about how we are to live as God’s children

### I. THE FIRST INSTRUCTIONS REGARD OUR MIND

#### — HOW WE ARE TO THINK ABOUT THE MATTERS OF LIFE

**A. Do Not Reproduce The Mindset of Those Who Do Not Know Christ as Lord**

**B. Characteristics of The Mind of Christ Is Opposite The Mind of The Unsaved**

**C. Therefore, We Are To Choose To Take Three Actions: Eph. 4:22-23**

**1. We are to “put off” the old filthy way of thinking and living**

a. The “*old man*” is continuously corrupting according to the deceitful lusts described 2:1-3 and 4:18-19.

b. The “*old man*” has been crucified, put to death, and not to be allowed to affect or control our actions. Romans 6:6-14, 15-16

**2. We are to allow Christ to renew our minds in the pattern of His mind**

Philippians 2:5; Colossians 2:6-10

**3. We are to “put on the new man” vs. 24 Colossians 3:10**

a. Created in righteousness, and

b. True holiness

### II. THE ACTIONS OF THE NEW MAN WITH THE NEW MIND vv. 25

**A. Tells The Truth ... No More Lying vs. 25 Colossians 3:9; Rev. 21:27; 22:15**

**1. The devil is the father of the lie so all lies flow from the devil John 8:44**

**2. When a person tells a lie, deceives, he acts like the devil, but the “new man” does not act like the devil**

**B. Takes Control of His Anger vs. 26-27**

Make sure you are angry about the right things and not about the wrong things so that you don’t allow the devil to have a foothold in your life

**C. Works and Earns What He Has ... Stop Stealing What Belongs to Others vs. 28**

**1. If you didn’t earn it, it’s not yours**

You don’t have a right to take it or use it if it belongs to someone else

**2. If you earn it, it’s yours. You have the privilege of giving it to someone else**

**D. Takes Control Of His Mouth By Cleaning Up His Heart vs. 29 - 32**

**1. Doesn’t allow filth to come out of his mouth**

**2. What comes out of his mouth shows what is in his heart**

Matthew 12:33-37; 15:15-19

**3. Uses his mouth to bless others**

**4. Quits grieving the Holy Spirit by what comes out of his mouth**

**5. Removes the filth of the “*old man*” from his heart and replaces it with God’s kindness and grace towards others**