

Sermon Outline

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Instructions For How A Christian Is To Live: Part 4 A New Way of Thinking and Living Obeying Our Lord in The Specific Choices of Life

Paul continues to explain how God expects His children to live. Today we focus on the choices we are to make as God's children.

- I. THE FIRST INSTRUCTIONS REGARD OUR MIND
— HOW WE ARE TO THINK ABOUT THE MATTERS OF LIFE
- II. THE ACTIONS OF THE NEW MAN WITH THE NEW MIND vv. 25
- III. THE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT vs. 30
- IV. THE RELATIONSHIP WITH OURSELVES AND THEN OTHERS
 - A. Some Things We Are To Do In Relationship to Ourselves Colossians 3:8
We are to put away the following things that pollute us ...
 1. ALL bitterness
 - a. Bitterness is a sin, is associated with sin & is from sin Acts 8:21-23
 - b. Bitterness destroys a person & separates him from God Heb. 12:14-17
 2. ALL uncontrollable, passionate wrath, anger and clamor
 3. ALL "evil speaking," i.e., slanderous talk
 4. ALL "malice," all traits of a vicious disposition
 - B. Some Things We Are To Do In Regard To Others ...
 1. We are to "be kind," i.e., like Christ
 2. We are to be "tenderhearted." i.e., compassionate
 3. We are to be "forgiving"
Our motivation is we are to forgive others because Christ first forgave us.
 - C. As Followers of Christ We Are To ...
 1. Walk in love, i.e., live out each action day by day, step by step
As Christ hath loved us ...
 - a. Sacrificially
 - b. Without expecting love in return
Not complaining or restricting our love if we are not loved in return.
 - c. By paying the full cost of whatever that love costs us
 2. Remove all sexual sin from our minds and lives vs. 3
Treat people as people and things as things that belong to someone.
 - a. Any form of sex outside of marriage
 - b. Remove any form of moral impurity from our minds
 - c. Remove all forms of covetousness from our minds vs. 4
 3. Express a clean heart with your words vs.4 Matt. 12:34-35; 15:18-19
 - a. Never speak obscenities
 - b. "Foolish speech" Never say things out of arrogance or stupidity
We are never to allow any of these to be present in our minds!
 - c. Speak appropriate words
 - D. God's pronouncement about who will never enter heaven vs. 5
 1. No "whoremonger," a homosexual or lesbian
 2. A person who is morally unclean
 3. No covetous people
 4. No idolaterGod says none of these has any inheritance in God's kingdom unless they confess, repent and are washed in the blood of Christ. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11