



STEWARDSHIP

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What is a transformed life?

➤ Ephesians 4: 17 – 32

- 17 So this I say, and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind,
- 18 being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart;
- 19 and they, having become callous, have given themselves over to sensuality for the **practice** of every kind of impurity with **greediness**.
- 20 But you did not learn Christ in this way,
- 21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus,

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- 22 that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit,
- 23 and that you be **renewed** in the spirit of your mind,
- 24 and put on **the new self**, which in the likeness of God has been created in **righteousness** and **holiness** of the truth.

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Principle #1: Tell the truth (integrity)

- 25 Therefore, laying aside falsehood, **SPEAK TRUTH** EACH ONE of you **WITH HIS NEIGHBOR**, for we are members of one another.

Principle #2: Emotional Control

- 26 **BE ANGRY, AND yet DO NOT SIN**; do not let the sun go down on your anger,
- 27 and do not give the devil an opportunity.

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Principle #3: Be Diligent on our work (Stewardship)

- 28 He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must **labor**, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have something to share with one who has need.

Principle #4: Control our tongue/way we speak

- 29 Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is **good for edification** according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear.
- 30 **Do not grieve** the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

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- Principle #5: Examine our attitude/Be forgiving
- 31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.
- 32 **Be kind** to one another, tender-hearted, **forgiving** each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.
- 5: 1-2
- 1 Therefore **be imitators of God**, as beloved children;
- 2 and **walk in love**, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

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What does the Bible says about “work”?

- Gen 2:15 Then the LORD God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.
- Work is created before the “Fall” and each one of us is assigned a task(s) to perform from God.

What is “Work”? How does this relate to me?

- Definition: “exertion or effort directed to produce or accomplish something; labor; toil.”

What is “Diligence”?

- Diligence is the earnest, conscientious application of our energy to accomplish what we've undertaken. When we are diligent, we pay careful attention to detail and are dedicated to achieving quality results.
- Diligence means that we are continually working toward our goals, making use of what resources and opportunities are available. We are vigilant to avoid errors and to stay focused on the task at hand. Our diligence provides a basis for people trusting us with jobs that are tricky or complicated and also important to them. Diligence does not rely on talent, but employs commitment, industry, and perseverance to transform vision into reality.

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What is your role and responsibility right now?

- “Family” - Husband, Wife, Son, Daughter, Grandfather, Grandmother
- “Job” – Employee, Employer, Co-Worker
- “Friends” – Relatives, Friends (male or female), Neighbor
- “Others” – Consumers, Christians.

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How can I be a good husband/wife/father/mother, or who do I want to be? (Training)

- “Find a Mentor” – Learn from someone who is a good husband/wife/father/mother and how he/she accomplishes it.
- “Purposeful Living” – Remember your husband/wife everyday and make a commitment to talk on a daily basis.
- Put that into your calendar

What is hindering me to do what I want to do?

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1 Corinthians 9:24–27 (Purposeful Training)

24 Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it.

25 Athletes exercise **self-control** in all things; they do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable one. 26 **So I do not run aimlessly, nor do I box as though beating the air;**

27 but **I punish my body and enslave it**, so that after proclaiming to others I myself should not be disqualified.

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Proverbs 26:13–16 (Laziness)

13 The sluggard says, “There is a lion in the road! There is a lion in the streets!”

14 As a door turns on its hinges, so does a sluggard on his bed.

15 The sluggard buries his hand in the dish; it wears him out to bring it back to his mouth.

16 The sluggard is wiser in his own eyes than seven men who can answer sensibly.