

# Why Do We Do the Things We Do?

Life in Christ: Wealth, Walk, Warfare (Ephesians) – Part 100

Ephesians 4:17-19

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<sup>17</sup>Therefore I say this — indeed, I testify in the Lord: no longer *are* you to walk just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind, <sup>18</sup> due to being darkened in their intellect, <sup>1</sup> because of being alienated from the life of God, on account of the ignorance

that is in them, on account of the callousness of their heart; <sup>19</sup> *these are* the sorts who, having become morally numb, <sup>2</sup> delivered themselves to outrageousness, <sup>3</sup> resulting in the working of all uncleanness with greed. <sup>4</sup> [Ephesians 4:17-19 DJP]

## Introduction:

### I. An Urgent Command of Correction (v. 17a)

#### A. In \_\_\_\_\_

1. The **framing**:
  - a. What it is:
  
  
  - b. Who the speaker is:
  
2. The **command**:
  - a. What the command is:
  
  
  - b. Who the hearers *aren't*:

#### B. Instruction

### II. An \_\_\_\_\_ of Causation (vv. 17b-18)

#### A. ...of the Walk: Futility of Mind (v. 17c)

1. The words
  - a. *Futility*
    - 2 Pet \_\_\_:18
    - Acts \_\_\_:15
    - 1 Corinthians \_\_\_:20
    - 1 Corinthians \_\_\_:7
    - James \_\_\_:26
  
  - b. *Mind*

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<sup>1</sup> Or, possibly, *thinking* or *mental disposition*.

<sup>2</sup> Or *past pain*.

<sup>3</sup> Or *indecency*.

<sup>4</sup> I.e. to the insatiable practice of every dirty thing they can think of.

- 2. The lesson

**B. ...of the Futility: Darkened Intellect (v. 18)**

1 John \_\_\_:5

Ps. \_\_\_:130

**C. ...of the Darkness: Alienation from God's \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 18b)**

**D. ...of \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 18c-d)**

- 1. *...on account of the ignorance that is in them*

Romans \_\_\_:18-21

2 Corinthians \_\_\_:3-4

- 2. *...on account of the callousness of their heart*

- a. The words

Mark \_\_\_:5

Romans \_\_\_:25

- b. The lesson

**III. Unhappy Chasm of \_\_\_\_\_ing (v. 19)**

**A. Their Numbness**

**B. Their Outrageousness**

**C. Their Hopelessness**