

MAKING THE HARD CHANGES IN ME

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WHY IS IT SO HARD TO CHANGE MYSELF?

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"Since you have heard about Jesus and have <u>learned the truth that comes from him,</u> throw off your old sinful nature and <u>your former way</u> of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. Instead, let the <u>Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes</u>. Put on your new nature, created to be like <u>God—truly righteous and holy</u>. So stop <u>telling lies</u>. <u>Let us tell our neighbors the truth</u>, for we are all parts of the same body. . . Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry, for anger gives a mighty foothold to the devil."

Ephesians 4:21-27 (NLT)

PRINCIPLES FOR PERSONAL CHANGE

"You certainly heard about him, and his followers you were taught the truth that is in Jesus." Ephesians 4:21 (GNT)

"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to <u>teach us what is true</u> and to make us <u>realize what is wrong</u> in our lives. It <u>corrects</u> us when we are wrong and <u>teaches</u> <u>us to do what is right</u>. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work." 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT)

"Throw off your old evil nature—the old you that was a partner in your evil ways—rotten through and through, full of lust and shame." Ephesians 4:22 (TLB)

"Continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose."

Philippians 2:12-13 (NIV)

"Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes." Ephesians 4:23 (NLT)

Think→ Feel→ Act

"This same <u>attitude</u> in yourselves which was in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 2:5 (AMP)

"You must <u>put on your new self.</u> which is created in God's likeness and reveals itself in the true life that is upright and holy." Ephesians 4:24 (GNT)

"As the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more <u>like him.</u>" 2 Corinthians 3:18 (TLB)

5. "Put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another." Ephesians 4:25 (ESV)

"By helping each other with your troubles, you truly obey the law of Christ."

Galatians 6:2 (NCV)

"Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry, for anger gives a <u>foothold</u> to the devil." Ephesians 4:26-27 (NLT)

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