

MADE NEW

Ephesians 4: 17 - 32

THEREFORE...

They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed. That, however, is not the way of life you learned when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accord with the truth that is in Jesus.

“You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.”

v. 22 - 24

BE KIND AND COMPASSIONATE

“Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.”

Mark Twain

LEARNING CHRIST

Developing kindness takes
strength of character.

PERSONALITY TYPE + FREE TRAIT THEORY

We are born and culturally endowed with certain personality traits – introversion for example – but we can and do act out of character in the service of “core personal projects”.

Susan Cain – Quiet.

PUTTING OFF & PUTTING ON



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Lying

Speaking the truth

Anger that leads to sin

Dealing with your temper

Stealing

Contributing and Sharing

Unwholesome talk

Encouragement

“Be made new in the
attitude of your minds”

V23

Late have I loved you, O Beauty ever ancient, ever
You were within me, but I was outside, and it was
In my unloveliness I plunged into the lovely thing
You were with me, but I was not with you.

Created things kept me from you;
yet if they had not been in you they would not have been
at all.

You called, you shouted, and you broke through my
deafness.

You flashed, you shone, and you dispelled my blindness.

You breathed your fragrance on me; I drew in breath and
now I pant for you.

I have tasted you, now I hunger and thirst for more.

You touched me, and I burned for your peace.