

**The Christians Calling**  
**The Call To Spiritual Maturity" Part Two**  
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*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. Ephesians 4:22-24 NIV*

**Key Thought of the Day**

Becoming a Christian involves a \_\_\_\_\_.

**Key Verses of the Day**

*Ephesians 4:25 — Ephesians 5:4 NIV*

**Christians...**

1. Don't tell \_\_\_\_\_, they tell the \_\_\_\_\_.

*Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. Ephesians 4:25 NIV*

**Be truthful to...**

A. Your \_\_\_\_\_.

*... speak truthfully to your neighbor...*

B. Your fellow \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.

*...for we are all members of one body...*

**The Reason Behind The Behavior**

God is a Spirit of \_\_\_\_\_.

*...speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body.*

**Christians...**

2. Don't lose their \_\_\_\_\_, rather they make sure their anger is \_\_\_\_\_.

*"In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold. Ephesians 4:26-27 NIV*

*He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts...*

**In Your Anger...**

A. Do not \_\_\_\_\_ others.

*"In your anger do not sin"*

B. Do not remain angry too long.

*Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry...*

C. Give no opportunity for the Enemy to make you \_\_\_\_\_.

*... do not give the devil a foothold.*

**The Reason Behind The Behavior**

God remains righteous in His anger and He is also \_\_\_\_\_ to become angry.

*The Lord is slow to anger, abounding in love and forgiving sin and rebellion.*

*Numbers 14:18 NIV*

### **Christians...**

3. Don't \_\_\_\_\_, rather they ought to work hard and \_\_\_\_\_ generously. *Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need. Ephesians 4:28 NIV*

#### **The Reason Behind the Behavior**

If Christians work hard to support themselves, they can have resources to \_\_\_\_\_ help others.  
...that they may have something to share with those in need.

### **Christians...**

4. Don't use speech for \_\_\_\_\_, instead use it for \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Ephesians 4:29-30 NIV*

*For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of. Matthew 12:34b NIV*

#### **The Reason Behind the Behavior**

Christians are to seek to \_\_\_\_\_ the Holy Spirit, not \_\_\_\_\_ Him.  
*And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.*

### **Christians...**

5. Don't be \_\_\_\_\_ or bitter, instead be kind and \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 4:31-32, 5:1-2 NIV*

#### **The Reason Behind the Behavior**

Christians are to be \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.  
*Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children...*

### **Christians...**

6. Don't use sex inappropriately, instead they are to be grateful for the \_\_\_\_\_ God has placed.  
*But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. Ephesians 5:3-4 NIV*

#### **The Reason Behind the Behavior**

Christians are called to \_\_\_\_\_.  
... because these are improper for God's holy people.

### **The Bottom Line**

Living out our new life in Christ boldly is a demonstration of \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_. *Ephesians 4:20-21 NIV*

### **The Challenge**

In which of these areas do you need to grow the most?