

Victory Connect Lesson
Who's at the Door?
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September 7, 2025

Key Passage: Eph 4:17 NIV - So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking.

Introduction: We are exhorted here to turn from old, unproductive, useless thoughts by “shutting the door” to dark thoughts and influences from the world around us. We can put off the old and put on the new man by being renewed in the spirit of our minds.

1. See sin for what it really is (dark and impure). Eph 4:18 NIV - 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. :19 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.

2. Realize there is a greater way to live. Eph 4:20 NKJV - But you have not so learned Christ, :21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus:

3. Put off the old you. Eph 4:22 NLT - throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception.

4. Put on the new you. Eph 4:24 NIV - and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

5. Don't give the devil a foothold. Eph 4:28 NIV - 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. :29 Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths...

6. Open the new door to life. Eph 4:32 NIV - Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Discussion Questions:

1. What are you yielding your thought-life to?
2. What thoughts do you need to have a funeral for?
3. What does “put on the new man” mean to you?

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