

**Reading:** Ephesians 4:17-32

**Topic:** Developing The Christ-Like Character #2

**INTRODUCTION:** We are born with certain characteristics that we may have inherited \_\_\_\_\_ our parents, and we also develop certain behavior \_\_\_\_\_ that manifest themselves and become engrained in our character.

## I. THE OLD BEHAVIOR PATTERNS:

### **A. Old Man Habits:**

1. The Word of God describes our behavior before conversion as the “\_\_\_\_\_” behavior, which is not just displeasing to God, but is the works of the \_\_\_\_\_ that will cause us to be lost. Gal. 5:19-21
2. The Scripture gives a very clear command not to tolerate the behavior of the “\_\_\_\_\_” and not to continue doing those kinds of things but to “\_\_\_\_\_” that behavior and get rid of it! Eph. 4:22

### **B. Specific Behaviors Mentioned:**

1. There are certain behaviors that are common and even accepted as the \_\_\_\_\_ in today’s society, but God’s Word does not permit us to keep them in our \_\_\_\_\_ if we are to be saved.
2. In the passage in Ephesians 4:22-32, name the things that are listed as unacceptable behaviors for the child of God:
  - a. v.22 – d \_\_\_\_\_ l \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. v. 25 l \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. v. 26 a \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. v. 28 s \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. v. 29 c \_\_\_\_\_ c \_\_\_\_\_
  - f. v.31 b \_\_\_\_\_, w \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_, c \_\_\_\_\_ & e \_\_\_\_\_ s \_\_\_\_\_.
3. These behavior patterns are displeasing and reflect the behavior of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world and not the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

## II. THE NEW BEHAVIOR PATTERNS:

### **A. New Man Habits:**

1. The Word of God gives us another command that after we have put \_\_\_\_\_ the old man, we are to next “\_\_\_\_\_” the new man which is a creation of God. Eph. 4:24
2. When we discipline ourselves to daily \_\_\_\_\_, the Word of God daily and going to the House of God as often as we are \_\_\_\_\_ to be there, we will produce a manifestation of the \_\_\_\_\_ man.

### **B. Specific Behaviors Mentioned:**

1. The Scripture reveals the behaviors that will begin to \_\_\_\_\_ in the life of the child of God when they apply themselves to \_\_\_\_\_ consistent spiritual principles.
2. In the passage in Ephesians 4: 22-32 name the qualities that God looks for in the lives of His children:
  - a. v. 24 r \_\_\_\_\_ and t \_\_\_\_\_ h \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. v.25 speak t \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. v. 26 s \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. v. 28 s \_\_\_\_\_ n \_\_\_\_\_ m \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. v. 29 words that are e \_\_\_\_\_
  - f. v. 32 be k \_\_\_\_\_, t \_\_\_\_\_ - h \_\_\_\_\_ f \_\_\_\_\_.
3. These Christ-like behaviors are unnatural to the carnal \_\_\_\_\_ and cannot be generated genuinely unless one stays \_\_\_\_\_ to God and filled with the Spirit of God.

### III. PERSONALITY & JESUS:

#### **A. Who We Are:**

1. We all have a personality that has evolved in us due to a combination of several \_\_\_\_\_, some of which we have had no \_\_\_\_\_ over.
2. Our parental influence, the friends that we hang out with, our training and \_\_\_\_\_, along with the various experiences that we have as we \_\_\_\_\_ all contribute to our personality.

#### **B. Positive & Negative:**

1. When we take an honest \_\_\_\_\_ at ourselves, we will find that we have some very \_\_\_\_\_ qualities with our personality and also some \_\_\_\_\_ qualities as well. (personality profile)
2. We often are led to \_\_\_\_\_ that we are just who we are and we are just the way we are and that we will always be that way for the \_\_\_\_\_ of our lives.
3. However, it is possible to change your personality and behavior through allowing the \_\_\_\_\_ of God and the Word of God to \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives and produce a gradual \_\_\_\_\_ for the better. Ph. 2:13

#### **C. Open To Change:**

1. Someone has said that we are viewed in three views as to who we are – the person that others see and \_\_\_\_\_ you are, the person that you \_\_\_\_\_ you are and the person that God \_\_\_\_\_ you are.
2. Any individual who is open to \_\_\_\_\_ can be \_\_\_\_\_ and can become a better and different person through allowing God to do a work inside our hearts and \_\_\_\_\_.

**CONCLUSION:** The real design and \_\_\_\_\_ of God for His people is to \_\_\_\_\_ more like Jesus and reflect the Savior in our everyday \_\_\_\_\_ to those lost people around us.