

Ephesians 4:17-32

Overcoming Sin: The Biblical Pattern for Change

Lessons from Ephesians 4:17-32

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Why Overcome Sin?

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1. Put Off the Old Self v22



Identify the Old Self



Get to the Root



Confess and Repent

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.



2. Renew Your Mind v23

- -Memorization
- -Meditation and Prayer



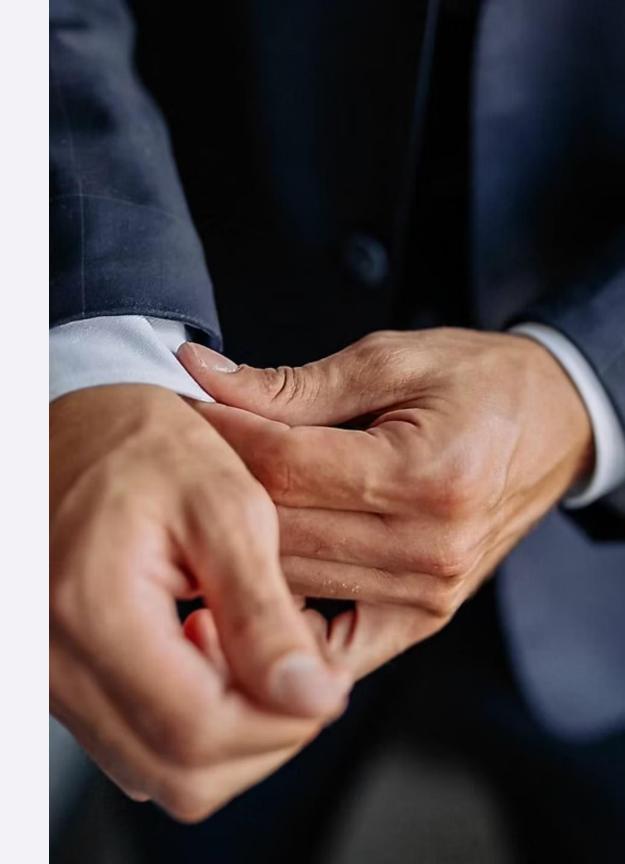


Romans 12:2

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."



3. Put On the New Self V24



Before and After

The Old Self (Before)

- Falsehood (v.25)
- Uncontrolled anger (v.26-27)
- Theft and laziness (v.28)
- Caustic speech (v.29)
- Bitterness and malice (v.31)

The New Self (After)

- Truthfulness (v.25)
- Communication (v.26)
- Honest work/generosity (v.28)
- Edifying speech (v.29)
- Kindness and forgiveness (v.32)

4. Ask for the Spirit's Help

The Spirit
Convicts
Helps us identify
sin and feel godly
sorrow

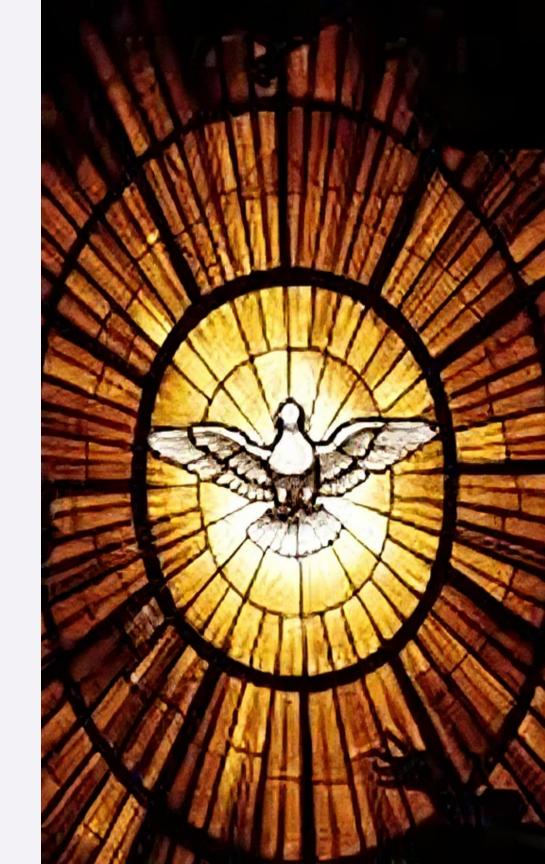
The Spirit Empowers
Gives strength to resist temptation and choose

righteousness

The Spirit Sustains

Maintains our transformation through daily dependence

We need more than willpower—we need the Holy Spirit's power.



Galatians 5:16-17

"But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do."



"The essence of Christian holiness is simple: put off what is old and rotten, put on what is new and fragrant. It is an exchange of clothing — a radical change of lifestyle because of a radical change of identity." -John Stott

Practical Application

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Identify One "Old Self" Habit Commit to Renewing Your Mind

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Choose a "New Self" Behavior Ask for the Spirit's Help

Real-Life Example: "John"

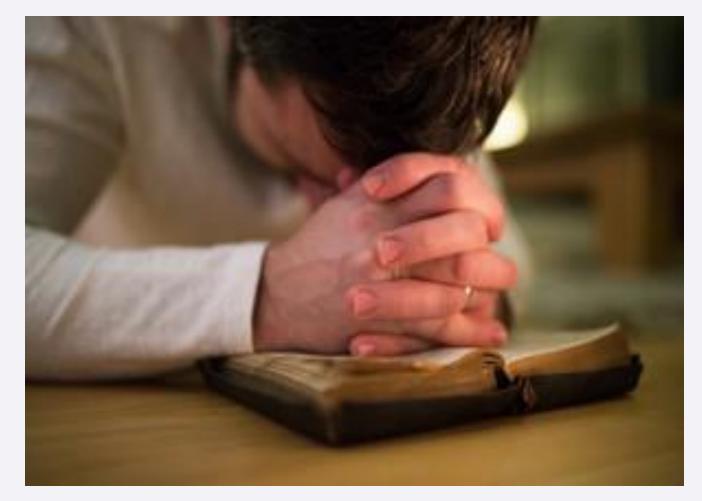
John struggled with explosive anger for years, damaging his relationships and witness. Following the biblical pattern he:

Put off: He identified his anger pattern and confessed the underlying pride and control issues

Renew: He meditated on Ephesians 4:32 and James 1:19-20 daily

Put on: He practiced listening fully before speaking and expressing concerns calmly

Spirit: He prayed for self-control each morning and when triggered



Over months, John's family witnessed genuine change—not perfection, but progress. When he did fail, the pattern helped him recover quickly rather than spiral into shame.