

Spiritual Life Dynamics (10)
(Conquering Addictions – Part Four)

This is our fourth lesson on Conquering Addiction but the tenth lesson in the series entitled, Spiritual Life.

We have labeled two types of addiction for this study: light and hard addictions. The label is related to the effect the addiction has on one's life and recovery from it. We discussed the difference between losing 800 pounds compared to 20.

Today's lesson is an extension of last week's discussion of God's solution to Conquering Addiction taken from Eph.4:17-24.

1. We learned that (Eph.4:17-24) consists of two Greek sentences and ideas (Eph.4:17-19 and Eph.4:20-24).

We studied three important truths about Conquering Addictions from (Eph.4:17-19).

- **We learned** that (Eph.4:17) opened with a special phrase that established the **divine goal** in Conquering Addictions in CWL – **“Until we all attain to (mandate) the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of Man, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ”**
- **We learned** about the **divine warning** of “no longer walk just as the Gentiles, in the futility (matiaotes) [empty, vacuum] (1 Cor.2:14; John 4:24) of their minds.” (Eph.4:17)
- **We learned** that Paul used three Greek markers to explain **how cosmos diabolicus (worldly thinking) builds a false belief** system in the soul that is behind addiction in the Christian Way of Life (CWL). (Eph.4:18-19; 2 Cor.2:11; 11:3; 1 Pet.2:11)
 - **Being (eimi/ p.p.ptc.nplm) darkened (skotoo/ perf.a.ptc.aplm)** in their understanding (Eph.4:18a).
 - **Excluded (apallotrioo/ perf.p.ptc.nplm) from life of God** because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the harness of their hearts (Eph.4:18b; 2 Cor.4:4).
 - **They have become callous (apalgeo/ perf.a.ptc.nplm)**, have given themselves over to sensuality, for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness. (Eph.4:18c)

2. The second Greek sentence also has three Greek (verbal infinitive) markers.

They will establish three important truths about Conquering Addictions the GOD or GRACE WAY.

These three verbal infinitives are founded on this doctrinal principle – “But you did not learn Christ this way (Eph.4:17-19). If (1cc) indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, **just as truth is in Jesus.**” (Eph.4:20-21)

THAT IN REFERENCE TO YOUR FORMER MANNER OF LIFE (ten proteros anastrophe/asf/) Old Man Cosmos Diabolicus (OMCD) (Eph.4:22a)

“You (aplm) lay aside (apotithemi/ a.m.infin) the old self (**OMCD**), [which is being corrupted (ton phtheiro/ p.p.ptc.asm) in accordance with the lust of deceit.]” (Eph.4:22b) (Cosmos complex of soul)

“And that you (PI) be renewed (ananeomai/ **p.p.infin**) in the spirit of your mind.” (Eph.4:22c; Eph.4:17, 20-21; Rom.12:2; Col.3:5-14) (Note the present tense is different than OMCD and NMDV)

“And put on (enduo/ a.m.infin) the new self (**NMDV**), [which in the likeness (kata+acc of norm and standard) of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of truth.]” (Eph.4:24; 2 Cor.5:17; Col.3:10)

I have added **brackets** to point out contrasts between OMCD and NMDV. They point to the importance of Conquering Addictions by God’s **RENEWING OF THE MIND**.

3. The Church Age Believer (CAB) must learn how to conquer two war fronts of Angelic Conflict (AC).

The CAB must want to PUT OFF from himself the former manner of life (Luke 15:17-19; Eph.4:17-22).

The CAB must understand the dark-side of lust tend of addiction bondage (Rom.6:12-18).

The CAB must not try to do any of this by will power alone. The only **power over the flesh** (OSN) is walking by means of the indwelling Holy Spirit (Gal.5:16-17; 1 John 1:9).

The CAB must learn to consistently set his mind on walking by means of the Holy Spirit and not on flesh (Rom.8:5-9; 13:12-14; Col.3:1-3).

The CAB must learn to consistently RENEW HIS MIND and PUT ON walking by faith not sight through inhaling and exhaling CBD in his everyday life (2 Tim.3:16-17; 2 Cor.5:7; Col.2:6-7; Eph.4:20-20, 23-24).

Learn how to conquer these two fronts of spiritual warfare in the Angelic Conflict (AC).

- Walk by Holy Spirit to conquer the lust traits and trends of OSN (Gal.5:16).
- Walk by faith to conquer worldliness of sight (2 Cor.5:7).