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Paul reminds us to walk worthily... in a worthily manner of the high calling of God; and he knows we will never come to the perfect man, until we come to the perfect world... and that ain't in this life. Here, we will never even get near that ideal, but we will in the one to come... so keep on walking!



17 Therefore, I say and testify in the Lord / and witness, marturomai; and it's not shouting: Give me a witness! But it is: I'm ready to die, to martyr, to give up my life...not with pride jumping around bringing attention to myself! In 1 Corinthians 15, Paul tells us he was fighting the wild beasts at Ephesus. And in our faith-walk where we live, there are wild beasts willing to tear us apart in a minute. Some say: they want to live for Christ. Paul was ready to die for Him!

Therefore, I say and testify in the Lord, that from now on, do **not walk as other Gentiles, in the vanity of their mind / with empty minds = those who have stopped thinking about what is real; they are beyond an oops! not thinking clearly. Paul says, If Christ is not risen from the dead, then our faith is vain -- 1 Corinthians 15; and we're fools; his violent conversion and persecutions, being left for dead is meaningless **IF** Christ is not risen from the dead.**

Paul says, the philosophy of the world would be correct: **Eat, drink, and be merry** because tomorrow we die. **IF...** Christ is not risen from the dead!

Be like the morbidly obese stuffing their face with burgers and fries, and fried chicken and bags of junk food; downing dozens of donuts and gallons of sodas all day -- who obviously have no taste for fine dining.

保罗提醒我们，行事要与神的大呼召相称。他知道我们永远不会遇见完美的男人，直到我们来到完美的世界，而那不是在今生。在这里，我们甚至无法接近理想，但我们会在未来的一个……所以继续走!

17 所以我说，且在主里确实地说，/和见证，marturomai；而

不是喊：给我一个证人！但事实是：我已经准备好赴死，成为烈士，放弃我的生命……而不是骄傲地跳来跳去，引起别人对我的注意！在哥林多前书 15 章，保罗告诉我们他在以弗所与野兽搏斗。在我们的信仰中，在我们生活的地方，有野兽愿意在一分钟内把我们撕碎。有些人说：他们要为基督而活。保罗愿意为他而死！

你们行事，不要再像外邦人存虚妄的心行事。/头脑空虚的人=那些停止思考真实事物的人；他们是超越了哦！不清晰的思考。保罗说：“基督若没有从死里复活，我们所信的便是枉然。”——哥林多前书 15 章我们是傻瓜；基督若不是从死里复活，就全然没有益处。

保罗说，这个世界的哲学是正确的：吃喝玩乐，因为明天我们会死去。如果基督没有从死里复活！

就像那些病态肥胖的人在脸上塞满汉堡、薯条、炸鸡和一袋袋垃圾食品；整天喝着几十个甜甜圈和大量苏打水——显然他们对美食没有品味。

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Or go ahead, be like the binge drinker... guzzling their favorite booze and brews; and moonshine: burping and puking on everyone -- who obviously have no taste for fine wine.

And how about that hypocritical statement? Friends don't let friends drive drunk! Sure they do! Every year thousands are murdered, due to those celebrating friendless folk; but whatever! Eat, drink and be merry; because tomorrow we die.

All evidence that people don't really believe Christ Jesus rose from the dead. But we're not here to thank my God we're not like others... because even in the church world there are... the spiritually obese -- those always learning, and never coming to the knowledge of the truth -- evidence of empty minds.

Paul says, Don't walk that way.

18 their understanding darkened being alienated to the life of God / made strangers, foreigners, that's our generation! Those who push away knowledge of the kingdom of God, lose the key to enter into life, the kind that God created... leading to life and joy and peace eternal,

through the ignorance / the word is: **agnoia**; where comes: **agnostic**, the not-knowing people; who do not exercise their minds and hearts in the ways of God and life in His kingdom. Some people think it is fashionable to be agnostic -- not knowing. But as Dr. Dallas Willard illustrated in this simple conversation:

What time is dinner?
I don't know, I'm agnostic.
Dr. Willard said, Well, go find out!

Paul says here is the result of incorrect ideas and images and information about what is real, because what is real is: the kingdom of God...

或者继续，像酗酒者一样，狂饮他们最喜欢的酒和啤酒；还有私酒：在每个人身上打嗝和呕吐——显然他们对好酒没有品味。

那伪善的声明呢？朋友不会让朋友酒后驾车！肯定他们做！每年都有成千上万的人被谋杀，因为那些庆祝的人没有朋友；但不管！吃喝快乐。因为明天我们将死去。

所有的证据都表明人们并不真的相信耶稣基督从死里复活。但我们来这里不是为了感谢上帝，我们和别人不一样... 因为即使在教会的世界里，也有... 属灵的肥胖人——他们总是学习，却永远不明白真理——这就是头脑空荡的证据。

保罗说，不要走那条路。

18 他们心地昏昧，与神所赐的生命隔绝了， / 做陌生人，做外国人，这就是我们这一代！那些把天国的知识拒之门外的人，失去了进入生命的钥匙，那是上帝创造的通向生命、欢乐和永恒和平的钥匙，

都因自己无知， / 这个词是：失认症；哪里来的：不可知论者，不知道的人；他们不效法神的道，不效法他国中的生命。有些人认为成为不可知论者是一种时尚——不知道。但正如达拉斯·威拉德博士在这段简单的对话中所阐明的：

晚餐几点开始？
我不知道，我是不可知论者。
威拉德博士说：“好吧，去看看！”

保罗说，这是错误的观念、形象和关于什么是真实的信息的结果，因为真实的是：上帝的王国……

being alienated to the life of God,
through the ignorance that is in them,
because of the hardness of their heart:

¹⁹ who being past feeling have **given themselves to lewdness** / no longer feeling, trapped by a superficial existence; stuck in anger, addiction, depression, due to faulty patterns of thinking believing the advertisements of the world. this word is: **paradidomi** they betrayed themselves and surrendered themselves they are lewd, obscene, vulgar and out of control; they have no boundaries; they have surrendered to advertisers -- they have abandoned themselves;

to work all uncleanness with greediness / they will do whatever... to practice and perfect their deeds of unsatisfied greed, to experience any thrill no matter how cheap, violent, seductive, or destructive.

²⁰ **But you are not so, having learned from Christ** / Paul says, because you have learned Christ who takes His students to school daily to learn His instructions; His lessons and His ways!

²¹ **if so you heard Him, and have been taught in Him, as the truth is in Jesus;**

And what is it they have learned?

²² **that you put off concerning the former behavior** / here Paul reminds us: **DIE daily** to our old behavior that identifies and defines each of us; and speaks volumes about all of us.

of the worn-out old man, which is rotting according to the deceitful desires / the word is: **epithumia**; it means: **strong desires**. **There is nothing wrong to have strong desires**. Jesus had strong desire to eat the Passover with His disciples;

与神所赐的生命隔绝了，都因自己无知，心里刚硬。

¹⁹ 良心既然丧尽，就**放纵私欲**，/不再感觉，被一种肤浅的存在所困;因为错误的思维模式相信这个世界的广告而陷入愤怒、上瘾、抑郁之中。这个词是: **paradidomi** 他们背叛了自己，投降了自己他们是淫荡的，淫秽的，庸俗的，失控的;它们没有边界;他们向广告商投降了——他们放弃了自己;

贪行种种的污秽。/他们会做任何事情……去实践和完善他们不满足的贪婪的行为，去体验任何刺激，无论多么廉价、暴力、诱惑或破坏性。

²⁰ **你们学了基督，却不是这样**。/保罗说，因为你学了基督，他每天带他的学生到学校学习他的教导;他的教训和他的方式!

²¹ **如果你们听过他的道，领了他的教，学了他的真理，**
他们学到了什么?

²² **就要脱去你们从前行为上的旧人**。
/保罗在这里提醒我们:我们**每天**都要为自己的旧行为而**死去**，这些旧行为识别并定义了我们每个人;这对我们所有人都很重要。

这旧人是因**私欲**的迷惑，渐渐变坏的。/这个词是: **epithumia**;意思是:强烈的欲望。**有强烈的欲望并没有错**。耶稣很想和门徒一起吃逾越节的筵席。

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Paul had strong desire to see those in Thessalonica; but they were not **deceiving** desires, believing false images, ideas and information sold by the world.

²³ **and be renewed** / the word is: **ana neo** = again young; again new, **again fresh**; the middle voice means: **this action is something for our own benefit**;

be refreshed in the spirit of your mind / this is more about what we know; not about how we feel; feelings come and go. The obvious answer we all want to hear to the question: **can you pilot the airplane** is **not**: well I feel I can; **I'd like to think I can**; but we hope to hear them say: **yes, I know!**

Paul reminds us also **LIVE daily**; replace old images, vain ideas, and fallacious information... with new patterns of thinking. Sent by His Father, Jesus was the greatest Thinker. He thought correctly; learn what He said. 700 Years ago, John Wycliffe discovered and already said: **Jesus is a man's best teacher!**

²⁴ **and that you put on the new man, who following after God is created in rightness and in holy truth** / doing things the right way... God's way, which is a very loving way, always securing the good and welfare of His people. Jesus, the night He was betrayed prayed for those with Him: **Father set them apart by Your Word. Your Word is truth**. So, we're living **and** dying daily... and we ought to ask ourselves: what am I putting off? And what am I putting on? **To the Corinthians Paul simply said: Put on Christ**

²⁵ **Why did he say this? putting away lying, speak truth everyone with his neighbor, for we are members one of another** / start there! That is simple enough isn't it? Something we all can work on and do, every man, woman and child -- Yes! To **speak truth**... means: they have to be taught truth... to learn what is true about God and His kingdom. we all can work on this.

保罗切切地要见帖撒罗尼迦的人。但他们不是欺骗的欲望，他们相信虚假的形象、想法和世界出售的信息。

²³ **改换一新**。 /这个词是:ana neo =又年轻;再新，再新鲜;中间的声音表示:这个行为是为了我们自己的利益;

又要将你们的心志改换一新 /这更多的是关于我们所知道的;不是我们的感受;感情来来去去。对于这个问题，我们都想听到的答案是:你会驾驶飞机吗?而不是:我觉得我能;我愿意相信我能做到;但我们希望听到他们说:是的，我知道!

保罗提醒我们也要**每天生活**;用新的思维模式取代旧的形象、无用的想法和错误的信息。耶稣由他的父亲派来，是最伟大的思想家。他认为正确;学习他所说的话。700 年前，约翰威克里夫发现并说:耶稣是一个人最好的老师!

²⁴ **并且穿上新人。这新人是照着神的形像造的，有真理的仁义，和圣洁**。 /按神的道行事，这是一种充满爱心的道，总是使他的子民安居乐业。耶稣被卖的那一夜，为那些与他同在的人祈祷:“**天父用你的话把他们分别出来**。”你的话就是真理。所以，我们每天都在生与死，我们应该问自己:我在拖延什么?我穿的是什么? **保罗只对哥林多弟兄说:“穿上基督**。

²⁵ **所以你们要弃绝谎言，各人与邻舍说实话**。因为我们是互相为肢体。 /从这里开始!这很简单，不是吗?这是我们每个人，男人，女人和孩子都可以做的事情，是的!“讲真理”的意思是:他们必须接受真理的教导，去了解关于上帝和他的王国的真理。我们都可以解决这个问题。

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26 Be angry! and do not sin: / what?! Be angry?! Well, that's good... apparently there are things to be angry about; a loving mother or father seeing their child abused... should be angry. And did you notice? It's a command. Yes, Sir! **do not let the sun go down on your anger:**

27 nor give place to the devil.

28 Let him who stole steal no more: but rather let him labor, working with his own hands what is good, that he give to one who has need / 6 days we all can work, as God did on page one Genesis all He created was good, and it was intended for His people.

29 Let no rotting words proceed from your mouth, but what is good for building up that it graciously serves the hearers.

30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God in whom you are sealed to the day of redemption / the Spirit was sent to help those who call on the Lord, so don't ignore Him; we can do this with His help; He will not do it without us; and we cannot do it without Him. We will never see the Spirit or the Father – **They are Spirit**, but don't wonder if He is there; He has been ready to help for 2,000 years; respectfully welcome Him as you would welcome Jesus... if the Lord was standing next to you,

31 take away all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor / take away all poison; and rowdy brawling; throw it all down, and continue discarding it all, until you win the boxing match,

and evil speaking / **blasphemia**; lightly, rudely, mindlessly speaking God's name,

26 生气却不要犯罪。 / 什么? !生气? !嗯, 这很好……显然有些事情值得生气; 一个慈爱的母亲或父亲看到他们的孩子被虐待…应该生气。你注意到了吗? 这是一个命令。是的, 先生!

不可含怒到日落。

27 也不可给魔鬼留地步。

28 从前偷窃的, 不要再偷。总要劳力, 亲手作正经事, 就可有余分给那缺少的人。 / 6 天我们都能工作, 就像神在创世记第一页所做的, 他所创造的一切都是好的, 都是为他的百姓准备的。

29 污秽的言语, 一句不可出口, 只要随事说造就人的好话, 叫听见的人得益处。

30 不要叫神的圣灵担忧。你们原是受了他的印记, 等候得赎的日子来到。

/ 圣灵被派来帮助那些求告主的人, 所以不要忽视他; 我们可以在他的帮助下做到这一点; 没有我们, 他是不会这样做的; 没有他, 我们做不到。我们将永远看不到圣灵或父——**他们是圣灵**, 但不要怀疑祂是否在那里; 他乐于助人已有两千年之久; 要像迎接耶稣一样恭敬地迎接他, 如果主就站在你旁边,

31 一切苦毒, 恼恨, 忿怒, 嚷闹, / 带走所有的毒; 和喧闹的争吵; 抛开一切, 继续抛弃一切, 直到你赢得这场拳击比赛,

毁谤, / **blasphemia**, 轻率地, 粗鲁地, 不加思索地说出上帝的名字,

put away from you with all malice / take it away; throw it down... all **kakia**, all that is evil, crappy and full of malicious motives; malice is the antithesis of Love... don't expect the Spirit of God to participate in our devious behaviors and hateful agendas. If Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil -- and He did; then the Holy Spirit hasn't come for coffee and chitchat; take all malice away; throw it down:

And here's another command...

³² **Be kind one to another, compassionate, forgiving one another** / become like a useful kinfolk; and did I hear: Yes, Sir! Huh? / the word is: **charizomai**; to give graciously and show favor; freely giving; grace giving yourselves... Paul just said... that it graciously serves the hearers; now he adds,

freely giving; grace giving yourselves...

even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you / has freely given grace to you / as much as God our Father in Christ Jesus has forgiven / has freely given grace to you What?!

In other words, He amazingly graced us...how about we amazingly grace others?! It's a command. Was that a: Yes, Sir?

并一切的恶毒，都当从你们中间除掉。 / 把它拿走;把它扔下去，所有邪恶的，垃圾的和充满恶意的动机;恶意是爱的对立面...不要期望上帝的灵参与我们的邪恶行为和可恶的计划。若耶稣来是要除灭魔鬼的作为，他也确实如此。那么圣灵就不是来喝咖啡和闲聊的;除去一切怨恨;把它:

还有另一条命令...

³² **并要以恩慈相待，存怜悯的心，彼此饶恕**， / 变得像一个有用的亲人;我是不是听到:

“是的，先生!” 嗯?/这个单词是: **charizomai**;慷慨地给予和表示恩惠;自由地给予;保罗刚才说，这是有恩地服事听者;现在,他补充道,

自由地给予;恩典给自己.....

正如神在基督里饶恕了你们一样。 / 就像我们的父神在基督耶稣里已经赦免了你们。

换句话说，神奇妙地赐恩给我们，我们也奇妙地赐恩给别人怎么样? 这是一个命令。a:是的，先生?

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