

How To \_\_\_\_\_ More Like \_\_\_\_\_, Pt. 2

Ephesians 4:22-24; Selected Scriptures

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**Hebrews 1:3 (NRSV)** – He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

**2 Corinthians 3:18 (NLT2)** – So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.

**Hebrews 12:14 (NLT2)** – Work at living in peace with everyone, and work at living a holy life, for those who are not holy will not see the Lord.

How To BECOME More Like JESUS, Pt. 1

1. You must take \_\_\_\_\_ your old \_\_\_\_\_ nature and way of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ephesians 4:21-22 (NLT2)** – Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him,<sup>22</sup> throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception.

**Throw off –**

**Romans 6:11-13 (ESV)** – So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.<sup>12</sup> Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions.<sup>13</sup> Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.

2. You must let the HOLY SPIRIT \_\_\_\_\_ the way you \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ephesians 4:23 (NLT2)** – Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes.

**Ephesians 4:23 (ESV)** – and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds,

**Renewed –  
Minds –**

**Proverbs 23:7a (NASB)** – For as he thinks within himself, so he is. ....

**Romans 8:7 (ESV)** – For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot.

**2 Corinthians 4:4 (NLT2)** – Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.

**Ephesians 4:17-18 (NLT2)** – With the Lord's authority I say this: Live no longer as the Gentiles do, for they are hopelessly confused.<sup>18</sup> Their minds are full of darkness; they

wander far from the life God gives because they have closed their minds and hardened their hearts against him.

## How To BECOME More Like JESUS, Pt. 2

1. You must \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ nature.

**Ephesians 4:24 (NLT2)** – Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.

**Ephesians 4:24 (ESV)** – and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

**Put on –**

**New nature (new self, new man) –**

**Romans 8:5-7 (NLT2)** – Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace. <sup>7</sup> For the sinful nature is always hostile to God. It never did obey God's laws, and it never will.

**Romans 12:2 (NLT2)** – Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

**Mark 12:30 (ESV)** – And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'

### L.Y.F.E. (Living Your Faith Everyday) Group Questions

1. How do you feel when you take off old clothes and put on brand new clothes or a new outfit? Explain
2. What does it mean to take off your old sin nature and your old way of living?
3. What would be the first step for you in changing an old pattern of behavior?
4. Of what aspects of your old nature do you still need to rid yourself?
5. How important do you think it is to take off your old sin nature and your old way of living before doing anything else in your journey of becoming more like Jesus?
6. What does it mean to let the Holy Spirit change the way you think?
7. Why does God focus on changing the way you think?
8. In what area of your life do you need to stop thinking your way and start thinking God's way?
9. What does it mean for you to put on a new nature as you walk with Jesus?
10. In what area of your life do you need to ask for the Holy Spirit's power and help to become more like Jesus?
11. Has your participation in Rooted and Grounded made a difference in helping your life be more controlled by the Holy Spirit? Explain
12. What will you do this week to make your Christian living more consistent so you can become more like Jesus?