

**New Way  
New Year, New You  
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Ephesians 4:17-19 (NET) So I say this, and insist in the Lord, that you no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. <sup>18</sup>They are darkened in their understanding, being alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardness of their hearts. <sup>19</sup>Because they are callous, they have given themselves over to indecency for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness.

**Becoming a Christian allows you to cast off the old ways and embrace the new way of joy in Christ.**

- **Reject your old identity.**

Mark 1:14-15 (NET) Now after John was imprisoned, Jesus went into Galilee and proclaimed the gospel of God. <sup>15</sup>He said, "The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the gospel!"

**Repentance is agreeing with God about what He says and submitting to what He is doing.**

- **Align with the new covenant that transforms.**

Romans 12:2 (NET) Do not be conformed to this present world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may test and approve what is the will of God—what is good and well-pleasing and perfect.

Colossians 1:21-22 (NET) And you were at one time strangers and enemies in your minds as expressed through your evil deeds, <sup>22</sup>but now He has reconciled you by His physical body through death to present you holy, without blemish, and blameless before Him.

Ezekiel 36:26 (NET) I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit within you. I will remove the heart of stone from your body and give you a heart of flesh.

Hebrews 13:5 (NET) Your conduct must be free from the love of money and you must be content with what you have, for He has said, "*I will never leave you and I will never abandon you.*"

- **Rejoice in the Gospel.**
  - **Preach the gospel to ourselves.**
  - **Celebrate it triumphantly with fellow believers.**
  - **Share it generously with everyone.**