









Ephesians 4:1

¹ As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.

How Should We Be Different?

We tell the truth.

We get angry, but we don't stay angry.

We don't steal; we work and share with others.

We build others up when we talk.

We are kind, forgiving, and loving people.

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Ephesians 5:15-20

¹⁵ Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. ¹⁸ Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.