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put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another ..." Ephesians 4:22-32

"But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof." Romans 13:14

"This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh." Galatians 5:16

"But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his."

Romans 8:9 Also: Isaiah 43:18-19, Gal. 5:24, Rom. 8:9, John 2:15, Col. 3:9

If all the children of God would obey the "new man", and let their "old man" "die", their lives would be much different. There would be fewer disagreements, tensions, and disunity in churches, families, schools, and even the workplace. All would have the same Godly purpose and direction, when the "new" creature guides them through life. If you want the "new" life God desires you to have, let your "old man" die — and please, don't ever let him be resurrected!

The uncondensed version of this lesson can be found at: <http://www.openthoumineeyes.com/Lessons/OldMan.htm>.

## Walking with God

D. L. Moody

I am told that men going through the Rocky Mountains found an Indian trail where there was only one footprint, as if only one man had gone over the mountains. The chief went first, and all the rest of the tribe followed him and put their feet into his footsteps. That is what our Chief wants us to do. He has passed through the heavens and wants us to follow.

## Writing Our Own Epitaph


C. H. Spurgeon

When the Eastern Emperors were crowned at Constantinople, it is said to have been a custom for the royal mason to set before his majesty a certain number of marble slabs, one of which he was to choose to be his tombstone. It was well for the new ruler to remember his funeral at his coronation.

I bring before you now the unwritten marbles of life. Which will you have: holiness, or sin, Christ or self? When you have chosen, you will begin to write the inscription upon it. Your life's works will be your memorial.



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## Is It Me Or Is It You?

Barbara Brinkworth

When problems arise within the church with many or with few, One question demands an answer: Is it me or is it you?

We are both one in Christ, and so our goals should be the same, But the easiest thing to do with troubles is to try to place the blame.

"He said. She said." The truth is often hard to discern. Are we pawns of the devil being used, and somehow our lessons never learn?

The answer can be found in the book of Acts, chapter two. There you will see there is no "me"; there is no "you".

Instead, there is one accord; One heart that wants to serve the Lord.

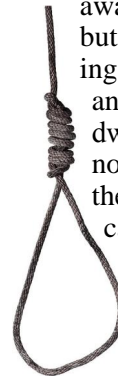
There is one desire to win the lost. Each one willing to pay the cost.

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Bill Brinkworth

When a person is saved, he becomes a different, "new" man. One may be "new" on the inside, but all have the same "flesh" they were born with. Those fleshly, worldly desires may be tucked away out of sight for now, but they will always be waiting for their chance to make an appearance. If the indwelling "new man" does not keep them in check, they will ruin his life and cause him to be in the same miserable state, or worse, than he was in before.



No, one does not get unsaved because he does not follow the "new," Holy Spirit's guidance. However, his life may not appear much different than an unsaved person. He will not have the joy he could have had, and he will not be all he could have been. He will go through many hardships that he would not normally go through, and God will not use that person

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*So be like Nehemiah; put your hand upon the plow. Work shoulder to shoulder. The lost are dying now.*

*There is no time to wait. It soon will be too late.*

*Who will be the first to stand for the Lord tall and true? Who will it be? Is it me or is it you?*

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the way He desires.

All have to battle the pull from the old nature's stranglehold to rule and get its way. Many of our personal and social problems are because someone's "old man" is trying to rule the roost — again. It is that old man that is prevailing when the green-eyed monster of jealousy raises its unruly head between brother and sister, or when one gets angry quickly with another. He surfaces again when a lie is offered to get one out of trouble. It is the "old man" that creates power struggles between peers, becomes selfish, and it is that same villain that spreads gossip to defame one's testimony, because someone hurt the gossiper. The "old man" exposes himself when a mouth spews out hurtful

words and filthy talk. The old nature gets control again when we allow it to criticize someone that is not doing something our way, or when we are scared others are not accepting us, and other countless ways. The "old man" will always haunt our lives, until we do what God commands we do to our old, could-be-dominating nature. Our "old man" must die — sometimes even daily, but he must die!

No, do not even suggest one committing sin and taking one's life. That is definitely letting the "old man" have his lecherous control on one's life. Everyone, if they want to please God, must put the "old man" of the flesh to "death" and let the new, spiritual man lead. Here is some of what the Bible says about the subject:

**When one is saved, he is a new, different person with new needs, desires, and purpose.** His second "birth" creates in him a new part of him that never existed before.

*"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3*

*"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."*

*II Cor. 5:17 Also: Gal. 6:15*

**Do not live for "self". Let the "new man" in you be your**

**life's leader.** Put self-ambition, self-goals, and self-desires behind you and let your leading force be the desire to be obedient and to be a testimony of God's commands found in His Word. Listen to the indwelling Holy Spirit. Let much of your self-motivated desires "die". In so doing, God will live through you. The "new man" has a new mind, new spirit, new master, new goal and a new joy. All are given to one, when he trusts and obeys God.

*"And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness." Ephesians 4:24*

*"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." Galatians 2:20*

*Also: Rom. 6:4, Col. 3:10*

**Let your old man die.** Self-will will have less dominance when the "new man" is leading.

*"Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin."*

*Romans 6:6*

**Do not to let worldly desires and habits rule and reign in your life.** Being born-again is being born into the family of God. What kind of child are you that, while a member of one family, act and wish you were a member of another family? That

is what those that are living for the world by living the world's way are doing. By their actions, they are telling God, "I love you Father, BUT I like how the unsaved live; and I will behave, have the same goals, and strive to be like them." That is what Christians do to their own Creator! We are on the winning side; why would anyone ever want to act and live like those on the losing side?

*"That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts ... And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: Neither give place to the devil. Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. ... Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be*  
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**"There is but one question, and that is, what is the will of God? That settles all other questions." — William E. Gladstone**

**"Usually, he is most empty who is most full of himself."**

*— Fletcher*