

Ephesians Series

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How We Should Not Live

Ephesians 4:17–19



EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

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fem sing nom
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ματαιότης *mataiotēs* fem sing dat (f) futility; absurdity; purposelessness