

UPGRADE YOUR VITAL RELATIONSHIPS

EPHESIANS 4:2-32 [NLT*]

2 Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. 3 Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.

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20 But that isn't what you learned about Christ. 21 Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, 22 throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. 23 Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. 24 Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy. 25 So stop telling lies. Let us tell our neighbors the truth, for we are all parts of the same body. 26 And "don't sin by letting anger control you." Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry, 27 for anger gives a foothold to the devil.

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29 Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.

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31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. 32 Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

[* all verses in NLT unless otherwise noted]

BIG IDEA

Our new life in Jesus makes it possible to live among our church _____ in a new way.

PRIORITY 3

Focus on your own _____ & _____ everyone else's.

Matthew 7:3-4

1. Let Your Faith Family Have _____.

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2. Let The Spirit _____ Yours.

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▶ _____ your corrupted old clothes with new ones.

vv22-29

1. _____. } Replace your distortions with honest straight talk.
2. _____. } Replace your smoldering anger with a quick release.
3. _____. } Replace your sponging & taking with working & giving.
4. _____. } Replace your weapon words with ointment words.

▶ _____ your toxic relationships with forgiveness.

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Luke 7:47

PRIORITY 1

Look for your **fullness** in the limitless love of God, not in the limited love of a person.

PRIORITY 2

You honor your mother & father best by **listening** to them.