

Changed From the Inside Out Part 2

Stop Cheating!

Ephesians 4:28

I. God cares about your work ethic (v. 28).

A. God wants the cheater to stop cheating (v. 28a).

1. GK: κλέπτω: Kleptomaniac is a person who steals—cheats, conceals and acts in secret.
2. Students are tempted to cheat—

B. God wants the cheater to start working with integrity (vv. 28b).

1. κοπιᾶω— to become weary and tired, physically, mentally, spiritually.
2. Ἀγαθός- meeting a relatively high standard of quality.

C. God wants the cheater to start working to be generous towards others (v. 28c).

II. Your integrity reflects your identity (John 10:10).

- A. Cheating is a reflection of the heart of Satan and the world.
- B. Honest work and generosity reflects the heart of God (cf. Gen 1:28, 2:15).

III. Do your work with integrity!