

# Ephesians 4:25-28

## Scripture Translations:

“Therefore, putting away lying, *“Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,”* for we are members of one another. 26 “Be angry, and do not sin”: do not let the sun go down on your wrath, 27 nor give place to the devil. 28 Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with *his* hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.” NKJV

“25 So discard every form of dishonesty and lying *so that you will be known as one* who always speaks the truth, for we all belong to one another. 26 But don’t let the passion of your emotions lead you to sin! Don’t let anger control you *or be fuel for revenge*, not for even a day. 27 Don’t give the slanderous accuser, the Devil, an opportunity to manipulate you! 28 If any one of you has stolen from someone else, never do it again. Instead, be industrious, earning an honest living, and then you’ll have enough to bless those in need.” TPT

## Key Words, Phrases & Definitions: (Use an online Greek dictionary to define these words)

- Lying -
- Truth
- Angry - to be or become angry, provoked (Zodiatates)
- Wrath
- Steal
- Labor
- Need – necessity

## Verse Re-write: (use back of paper)

## Questions:

1. The previous verse instructs us to “put off the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts and to put on the new man which was created according to God”. Explain the difference and how one goes about this.
2. The essence of truth is Yahweh’s reality. Given man possesses a soul that has a propensity to rationalize, alibi and justify what we want rather than what Yahweh has ordained and purposed, explain the anguish you sometimes experience between doing the right thing for others versus the expedient thing for self.
3. Obviously lying, stealing and outbursts of anger and wrath are not acceptable behavior traits for a kingdom son. However, in context with the preceding four chapters of Ephesus, explain how these activities affect the ecclesia and body of Christ.
4. What does it mean to “give place to the devil”?
5. How important is it to bless others in need? Does this bear evidence of the Christ within us? Explain.

## Faith Declarations:

- Father, my greatest declaration for Christ is null and void without the evidence of a life given for others. I declare I will identify with the life of Christ by “dying” to self by presenting and extending Christ to others.
- I put on the new man by wholly identifying with the death, burial and resurrection of Yahshua the Christ. I daily appropriate the fullness of Christ’s gift and seek to be an authentic and accurate version of Christ and His kingdom come.
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