



EPHESIANS 4:25-5:2: The New Life--Part 2

I. Putting off and putting on:

- ❖ Ephesians 4:22-24--*put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, 23 and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, 24 and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness*

1. Put off lying, put on truthfulness

- ❖ Ephesians 4:25--*Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another*
 - Paul's reasoning, "for we are members one of another" lets us know two things...(1) He is primarily interested in honesty within the body. (2) Honesty within the body with facilitate unity, lying won't.

2. Put off sinful anger, put on self-control

- ❖ Ephesians 4:26--*Be angry and do not sin*

3. Put off offense, put on forgiveness

- ❖ Ephesians 4:26-27--*do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27 and give no opportunity to the devil*

4. Put off stealing (dishonest gain), put on honest gain and generosity

- ❖ Ephesians 4:28--*Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need*

🕒 Two things we need to see:

(1) This is applicable to us

(2) Stealing is selfish, Paul desires for us to be generous

5. Put off corrupt speech, put on edifying speech

- ❖ Ephesians 4:29--*Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear*

6. Do not grieve the Holy Spirit.

- ❖ Ephesians 4:30--*And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption*
- "No language can adequately express the seriousness of the statement that the Holy Spirit rejoices when we are obedient to him and is grieved when we give in to things that are unworthy of our calling.¹" Why is is?
 - (1) Because the Holy Spirit is holy
 - (2) Because the holy Spirit indwells us permanently.

¹ John Calvin,



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7. Put off maliciousness, put on love

- ❖ Ephesians 4:31-32--*Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. 32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you*
 - Paul is echoing the teaching of Christ in the parable of the wicked servant.
- ❖ Matthew 18:24-35

II. Imitators of God:

- ❖ Ephesians 5:1-2--*Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. 2 And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*

1. This is a statement of summation:

- The word “*therefore*” let’s us know this

2. This is a statement of motivation:

- The words, “*as beloved children*” let us know this. Paul is urging us, “be like you father, he has given you his DNA, embrace it, live it!”

3. This is a statement of direction:

- 🕒 Christ is given as our example and direction for how to do this...

(1) Christ lived for the the glory of God:

- ❖ John 17:1-4--*“Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, 2 since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. 4 I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do.*

(2) Christ lived for the pleasure of God--

- ❖ Ephesians 5:2--*Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God*