

Series "Our Riches In Christ"
"Walking In Love"
Ephesians 4:25-5:2
Study-16

2 Corinthians 5:17

Ephesians 4:17-5:17 – Walking in Purity.

Ephesians 4:25-5:2 – Paul, speaking about walking in Holiness/Purity, presents "**5 specific areas of sin**" that the Christian must put off, and not only stop, but replace them to glorify God and bless the body of Christ.

The Goal Of Purity – Imitators Of God By Walking In Love – Ephesians 5:1-2.

Thought Of The Passage: "The New Life Within The Believer Is Experienced Through Putting Off The Old And Replacing It With The New."

1. Verse 25 – Lying

2. Verses 26-27 – Anger

3. Verse 28 – Stealing

4. Verses 29-30 – Speech

5. Verses 31-5:2 – Attitude

1. Verse 25 – Lying:

Ephesians 4:25 – "Therefore," – Ephesians 4:17-24 – Paul has been speaking about how the Christian is different from the world.

"falsehood" – "that which is contrary to fact; to speak with intent to deceive; a lie; conscious and intentional falsehood; in a broad sense, whatever is not what it seems to be."

Not saying something when we should: Acts 5:1-11.

Not saying the whole thing, a portion of the story, or a misquote; Involves an exaggeration.

There is no such thing as a white lie! There are just lies, John 8:44.

1 John 2:21; Revelation 22:14-15

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“SPEAK TRUTH EACH ONE of you WITH HIS NEIGHBOR,” – Zechariah 8:16.

“Truth” – Is of the new nature that we have received in Christ,
Ephesians 4:15.

Ephesians 4:21-22

1. Negative – “laying aside falsehood”
2. Positive – “speak truth”
3. Reason – “for we are members of one another”

2. Verses 26-27 – Anger:

Ephesians 4:26 – “BE ANGRY” – “emotional response caused by something that displeases us.” Notice it say’s “BE ANGRY;” Anger; it is not necessarily a sin to be angry. There are 2 types of anger:

1. Righteous Anger – Psalm 119:53; Mark 3:5

“AND yet DO NOT SIN;” – “SIN” – “to miss the mark, archer not hitting the desired target.” The target would be “God’s Righteousness, honoring God.”

2. Unrighteous Anger – Blowing Up – Personal, which is an offense against us, not God; that brings irritation, Matthew 5:21-22.

“Anger” – Clamming Up – “do not let the sun go down on your anger.” – This is speaking about putting a limit on our anger.

Ephesians 4:27 – “and do not give the devil an opportunity.” – When we fall into unrighteous anger, it gives the devil a foothold to come in.

1. Negative – Don’t sin in unrighteous anger, personal pride for self.
2. Positive – Righteous anger, hate for sin, and the things that God hates.
3. Reason – Brooding in anger is out of control, gives the devil an opportunity to come in and destroy.

3. Verse 28 – Stealing:

Ephesians 4:28 – “He who steals must steal no longer;” – This is the 8th Commandment, Exodus 20:15 – “You shall not steal.”

Romans 13:8; Malachi 3:8

"but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good," – We are not only to stop stealing but to start working, 2 Thessalonians 3:10.

"so that he will have something to share with one who has need."

1. Negative – "steal no longer."
2. Positive – let him labor, "performing with his own hands what is good,"
3. Reason – may "have something to share with him who has need."

4. Verses 29-30 – Speech:

Ephesians 4:29 – "unwholesome" – "corrupt, foul, dirty, rotten as used of fruit that was spoiled." This is a reference to talk that is dishonest, unkind, vulgar or obscene, useless words.

"edification" – build up to cause growth.

"so that it will give grace to those who hear." – "Grace" – is kindness, strength, Colossians 4:6.

Ephesians 4:30 – "Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God," – "grieve" – "to cause sorrow, to hurt, to cause pain, or distress."

"by whom you were sealed" – This took place at salvation, Ephesians 1:13-14.

1. Negative – "no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth,"
2. Positive – "word as is good for edification to the need of the moment,"
3. Reason – "that it may give grace to those who hear;" "not grieve the Holy Spirit."

5. Verses 31-5:2 – Attitude:

Ephesians 4:31 – "Let all" – List of 6 Attitude Sins That Must Be Put Away:

1. "bitterness" – "sour spirit, sour speech."
2. "wrath" – "a passionate rage."
3. "anger" – "sullen hostility, settled in anger."
4. "clamor" – "to raise the voice in quarrel, to start shouting, and or raising the voice."

5. "slander" – "speaking evil of others, especially behind their backs, destroying reputation."

6. "malice" – "ill will, wishing and plotting evil against others."

Ephesians 4:32 – "Be kind" – "gracious;" "to one another, tender-hearted," – "well compassioned, sympathetic;" "forgiving each other," – "pardon each other."

1. Negative – bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, slander be put away, malice.
2. Positive – "kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other,"
3. Reason – God in Christ also has forgiven us.

Ephesians 5:1 – "be imitators of God," – "to mimic someone" as beloved children; It is only natural to imitate the one you love.

Ephesians 5:2 – The price that was paid so that we could walk in love.

"an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma." – Leviticus 1-3.

Conclusion:

1. Lying Is A Common Practice In The World. The Believer Is To "SPEAK TRUTH EACH ONE OF YOU WITH HIS NEIGHBOR, FOR WE ARE MEMBERS OF ONE ANOTHER."
2. Anger Is Not Necessarily Sinful, If Our Anger Is Truly For God's Glory And His Righteousness. Sinful Anger Is Blowing Up And Clamming Up That Gives The Devil And Opportunity.
3. Stealing Is Taking That For Which One Has Not Labored For Or Purchased. The Believer Is To Work With His Hands, And As A Result, Be Able To Give To Others In Need.
4. Speech Of The Believer Is Not To Be Corrupt But Is To Consist Of Word's That Build Up; Words Of Kindness And Grace, So As Not To Grieve The Holy Spirit:
5. Attitude Of The Believer Is Not To Imitate Anger, Bitterness, Wrath, Quarrelsome, Slander And Malice Of The World. We Are To Be Kind And Forgiving Like Christ. Imitating The Love Of Jesus, Which Led To The Cross.