

The Conduct of the New Creature

Ephesians 4:25-32

January 22, 2023

I. Live a Life of Truth (v. 25)

- A. Habitual lying is a mark of being unregenerate
 - 1. It imitates Satan (John 8:44)
 - 2. It is the opposite of the character of the Triune God (John 14:6; John 17:17)
- B. Be truthful in all aspects of life
 - 1. In our dealings with one another (Ephesians 4:15)
 - 2. In our dealings with secular activities (Matthew 5:37)

II. Live a Life that Controls Anger (v. 26)

- A. Righteous anger is permitted
 - 1. Jesus was angry and cleared the temple
 - 2. God has righteous anger with wickedness and the wicked (Psalm 7:11)
- B. Believers should control fleshly anger
 - 1. The bible warns against hot temperedness (Proverbs 15:18)
 - 2. The bible warns against uncontrolled anger (Matthew 21-22)

III. Live a Life of Sharing (v. 28)

- A. Stealing demonstrates a disregard for God's divine Law (Exodus 20:15)
- B. Stealing is a mark of Satan (John 10:10)
- C. Stealing takes many forms in life (Leviticus 19:11, 13)
 - Stealing time from an employer
 - Stealing wages from an employee
 - Cheating on taxes
 - Plagiarism
 - Not giving to the Lord through the local church (Malachi 3:8-10)
- D. We are to demonstrate a love of sharing (Acts 20:33-35)

IV. Live a Life of Wholesome Speech (v. 29-30)

- A. Filthy language is unwholesome speech (Proverbs 21:23; Eph 5:4; 2 Tim 2:16)
- B. Unwholesome language pollutes our worship (James 3:10)
- C. Our speech should exemplify grace (Colossians 4:6)
- D. We are to strive not to grieve the Holy Spirit (1 Thessalonians 5:19)

V. Live a Life that Imitates Christ (v. 31-32)

- A. We must shed the vices of the flesh (Galatians 5:24)
 - Repentance is the first step of crucifying the flesh
 - Immersing ourselves in prayer and God's word keeps the flesh defeated
- B. We must imitate Christ
 - 1. We are to demonstrate kindness (Luke 6:35)
 - 2. We are to demonstrate tender-heartedness (Luke 9:36)
 - 3. We are to forgive as our Lord does us (Matthew 18:21-35)

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