

Verses 25-32

²⁵ Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members one of another.

²⁶ Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:

²⁷ Neither give place to the devil.

²⁸ Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

²⁹ Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

³⁰ And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

³¹ Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

³² And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

On lying/truth:

Romans 13:12 - The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

Col. 3:8- But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, *and* abusive speech from your mouth.

Proverbs 12:19 – Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue lasts only a moment.

Proverbs 12:22- Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD, But those who deal faithfully are His delight.

John 8:44 – You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

Zechariah 8:16 -These are the things which you should do: speak the truth to one another; judge with truth and judgment for peace in your gates.

Ephesians 4:15 – Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

On anger:

Mark 3:5 After looking around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, He *said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored.

Matt 12:12-13 And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves. ¹³ And He *said to them, "It is written, 'MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER'; but you are making it a ROBBERS' ^[a]DEN."

Romans 12:19 – Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.

James 1:19-20 – My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.

Proverbs 19:11 – A person's wisdom yields patience; it is to one's glory to overlook an offense.

1 Peter 5:8- Be of sober *spirit*, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

On Stealing:

Exod. 20:15- You shall not sin

Hosea 4:1-2 Listen to the word of the LORD, O sons of Israel, For the LORD has a case against the inhabitants of the land, Because there is no ^[a]faithfulness or ^[b]kindness Or knowledge of God in the land. ² *There is* swearing, deception, murder, stealing and adultery. They employ violence, so that bloodshed ^[c]follows bloodshed.

On speech:

Colossians 4:6 – Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Matthew 12:33- "Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for the tree is known by its fruit.

James 3:8-10 – But no one can tame the tongue; *it is* a restless evil *and* full of deadly poison. ⁹ With it we bless *our* Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God; ¹⁰ from the same mouth come *both* blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be this way.

Holy Spirit:

1 Thessalonians 5:16-21 Rejoice always; ¹⁷ pray without ceasing; ¹⁸ in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. ¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit; ²⁰ do not despise prophetic ^[a]utterances. ²¹ But examine everything *carefully*; hold fast to that which is good

2 Tim. 2:15- Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

On kindness:

Romans 12:10 – Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.

Colossians 3:12-13 – Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Matt 6:14 For if you forgive ^[to] others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you

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