

“Putting Off The Old, Putting On The New – Part 2”

Ephesians 4:28-30

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“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.” 2 Corinthians 5:17

1) Put off stealing, put on compassion-motivated labor.

“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.” Ephesians 4:28

“You shall not steal.” Exodus 20:15

see Luke 12:15-21

“But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.” 1 Timothy 5:8

“¹ Now concerning the collection for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do. ² On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come.” 1 Corinthians 16:1-2

“Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, ‘How have we robbed you?’ In your tithes and contributions.” Malachi 3:8

“⁹ You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you. ¹⁰ Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. ¹¹ I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the Lord of hosts.” Malachi 3:9-11

2) Put off harmful speech, put on helpful speech.

“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. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.” Ephesians 4:29-30

^{5b} How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶ And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷ For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸ but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.” James 3:5b-8

“Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips!” Psalm 141:3

A Christian’s Words Should ...

• Be only those that build up

“Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, **but only such as is good for building up**,” Ephesians 4:29a

“Like a gold ring or an ornament of gold is a wise reprovee to a listening ear.” Proverbs 25:12

• Be appropriate to the need of the moment

“Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, **as fits the occasion**,” Ephesians 4:29a

“A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.” Proverbs 25:11

• Give grace to those who hear

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“And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.” Ephesians 4:30

“You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.” John 14:17b

“Do not quench the Spirit.”

1 Thessalonians 5:19