



Every Spiritual Blessing—A Study in Ephesians

Please ask Holy Spirit to give you understanding before you begin.

Lesson 11—Ephesians 4:25-32

Please review briefly by re-reading all of Ephesians 4. Pay special attention to our new passage: verses 25–32.

1.) Passage Overview—to gain perspective of what Paul is saying in this small portion of scripture, please share below your insights & verse references.

What is being said:

...About God?

a. _____

b. _____

...About the Body of Christ? _____

...About how to live as members of this Body? (fill in the chart)

<u>Discontinue (Put off)</u>	<u>Replace With (Put on)</u>	<u>Result (stated or implied)</u>
Lying	Speaking Truth	Unity
Stealing	_____	_____
Corrupt Speech	_____	_____

...about our communication with one another?

2.) The concept of accountability, which is implied in this passage, must have been a new idea to the Gentile believers in Ephesus who were living in the midst of a society steeped in pagan culture. To whom are **all** Believers accountable? (see v25, 30)

How is this different from the way the world “rolls”? (see Judges 21:25 & add what you observe today to your answer):

3.) What is Paul saying in verse 26 about anger?

- Is it possible to be angry and not sin?
- God has given us a full range of emotions. Can you give an example of how anger, rightly placed, could bring about something good?
- Why should we not carry our anger into the night?
- How could giving in to anger give place to the enemy?

4.) This is a big deal and Paul knows how a little bit of anger can grow into something so volatile & bitter that, left unchecked, it can rip the church apart. We should pay attention! What else does God's Word tell us about this subject?

- Ps 37:8
- Prov 29:11
- James 1:19 & 20
- Heb 12:14 & 15

5.) Read vs. 29-31. In verse 29, the Greek word used for "corrupt", is one that denotes a rotten, decaying body of a dead animal! Such conversation is death to our relationships. It has no place in us who have been made alive (Eph 2:1) & a new creation in Christ. (2 Cor 5:17)

- What *is corrupt speech*?
- Please explain what Jesus is saying to the Pharisees in Matt 12:34-37
- Using a Bible Dictionary, define "Malice", as in vs 31. How does this give you a deeper concept of "corrupt" words & evil speaking?
- Col 4:6 & Ti 2:8 outline how we should speak to non-believers. What stands out to you?
- As we have "put on" the new man, how shall we communicate with our brothers and sisters in Christ & what will this accomplish? See vs 29b, Titus 3:2

6.) Verse 30 implies we can grieve the Holy Spirit, and in this context, it is by the way we treat one another in God's Holy church! *We are not like the world and have been set apart & sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise.* Yet, at times, we do sin and mirror the world & not the Word, (Jesus Christ).

➤ 1 Thess 5:19 also tells us, "Do not quench the Spirit".

How can we know this has happened? (See Gal 5:22-26)

7.) How can a right relationship be restored?

...with God (see Rom 2:4, Ps 117:2, 1 John 1:9)

...with others (see v4:32, Col 3:12 & 13)

***"Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
He who called you is faithful, who also will do it—1 Thess 5:23 & 24***