

Ephesians Bible Study
Lesson 15 Questions
Ephesians 4:25-32

Read Ephesians chapter 4 in preparation for this passage.

As you work through this passage, ask God to give you clarity and understanding. Open your heart to the truths that the Holy Spirit wants to reveal to you.

As we begin this last passage of chapter 4, it again begins with a familiar word Paul has used throughout the entire letter of Ephesians, “Therefore”, meaning that what he has written before this also pertains here. Last year as we studied 2 Peter 1:3-4 and again in the first 3 chapters of Ephesians, we see that we have received a new nature, one that has given us the power to overcome sin. *3 seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. 4 For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.* Paul is continuing to show us how our salvation is represented in EVERY aspect of our life. Paul is showing the church in Ephesus how their lives in the church is to look and how their relationships to one another should reflect their love for God.

- 1. In verse 25, Paul says to ‘lay aside falsehood’. Looking up ‘falsehood’ in Vines Complete Expository Dictionary it says the following:
False Witnesses, false apostles, liars, use a false name, lying, calculated to deceive, to deceive by lies, and lying

Taking those meanings for the word falsehood, what are some of the ways we speak falsehood to one another, even tho we might not be intentionally lying?

2. Verse 25 also says and ‘speak truth’ each one of you, for we are members of one another. Read Zechariah 8:16-17; Psalm 15:1-3; Psalm 24:3-4; Keeping in mind the understanding of the word falsehood, what does speaking truth look like for a Christian?

Why is it so important to speak truth?

3. In verse 26, is Paul actually saying that it is ok to be angry? Are there any qualifiers in his statement? Psalm 37:7-8; Matthew 21:12-13; Mark 3:1-6; John 2:13-17.

How is this important to our life in Christ ‘do not let the sun go down on your anger’? Romans 12:17-21; Col 3:18-19; Matthew 5:21-24; James 1:19-20; 1 Peter 3:8-11; Hebrews 12:5

4. Having looked at all of the verses in the 2nd part of question 3, explain how not following God's Word gives the 'Devil an opportunity', and what kind of opportunity does it give him?

5. Verse 28 brings home several realities....don't take what you haven't worked for and what you have worked for is to meet your needs and to help those within the body in need. Look up the following verses to get a better understanding this passage. 2 Thess 3:6-12; 1 Tim 5:8; Acts 20:33-35; John 13:15; Eph 2:10. Share what you have learned from these passages.

6. Verse 29 moves into one of the hardest passages for us to deal with because it involves what comes out of our mouths. There are 4 main points to this verse that helps us check our words.
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| a. No unwholesome words | Only wholesome words |
| b. No unedifying words | Only edifying words |
| c. Not about the past | Good for the need of the moment |
| d. No hateful words | Words that give grace to those who hear |

Look up the following verses and explain why communicating God's way gives us a different way to handle situations. Psalm 141:3; Luke 6:45; Proverbs 4:23; Proverbs 25:11; James 1:20;

Using Ephesians 4:29, how would you develop a plan to communicate in a biblical way.

As we think about verse 29, and how we talk to one another, why would the words we use and how we talk to one another grieve the Holy Spirit? John 16:13-14; Romans 8:26-27; Ephesians 5:3

7. Paul sums up the final contrast of this chapter in verses 31-32.

Put Off

31 Let all _____ and _____
and _____ and _____
and _____ be put away from you, along with all
_____.

Put On

32 And be _____ to one another, _____,
_____ each other, just as _____ in _____
also has _____ you