

12 POINTS TOWARD CHANGE



Ephesians 4:22-32

[22] That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

[23] And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

[24] And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

[25] Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: 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.

1. Put on the new man. It's not enough to take off the old. You must replace it with something. (vs. 25)
2. Stop lying. (vs. 25) This includes keeping your word to others, yourself, and to God.
3. Speak the truth only. (vs. 25)
4. Stop letting anger cause you to sin (especially with your mouth) settle any disputes (with yourself as well as others) before the say ends. Refuse to carry other people's stuff in your bag, and don't unload yours on them, either. (vs. 26)
5. Stop giving ground to the enemy to operate in and through you. (vs. 27)
6. Quit stealing (time, money, energy, both mental and spiritual). (vs. 28)
7. WORK. At your job, on your business and in your ministry. 'Nuff said. (vs. 28)
8. Give to those who have needs greater than your own. Quit being stingy. (vs. 28)
9. Stop allowing trash (complaining, profanity, anger, lust gossip, etc.) to come out of your mouth. You are not a garbage dispenser. (vs. 29)
10. Think of things to say that will bless others. (vs. 29)
11. Quit being an angry person PERIOD. It is destroying you. (VS. 31)

12. Treat others the way God treats you. (vs. 32)