

11 – THE LIFE OF THE NEW MAN (EPHESIANS 4:24-32)

I. The Call to Act (Ephesians 4:24)

- Paul tells us to put on the new man or the new life.
- This new life was created to be like God in righteousness and holiness.

II. The Conduct of the New Man (Ephesians 4:25-32)

A. Respond to the Call (Ephesians 4:25)

- Paul uses the word “therefore” to express how his readers are to put on the new man.

B. Stop Lying (Ephesians 4:25)

- Paul calls his readers to put away lying or falsehoods in any form.

C. Speak Truth (Ephesians 4:25)

- Believers are called to speak truth with their neighbors.
- The phrase “members of one another” reflects a mutual responsibility toward each other.

D. Control Your Anger (Ephesians 4:26)

- Paul is not telling believers to never be angry.
- Rather, he is communicating that believers should not let their anger take control of them.
- Uncontrolled anger will lead to sin.
- He is telling believers to deal with their anger before the day ends.

E. Guard Against Satan (Ephesians 4:27)

- Paul tells believers to not give the devil a foothold in their lives.
- This is tied to the issue of not allowing anger to control a person.

SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 2:11

lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.

SCRIPTURE James 4:7

Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

F. Stop Stealing (Ephesians 4:28)

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- Paul tells those of his readers who are thieves that they must stop stealing.

G. Work (Ephesians 4:28)

- Rather, Paul calls those who steal to find work so that he may help others who are in need.

H. Watch Your Language (Ephesians 4:29)

- Paul calls believers to not allow their speech to be marked by corrupted or unwholesome talk.
- Rather, their speech needs to be marked by what is good for edification.
- Speaking for the edification imparts grace to the hearers of their speech.

I. Don't Grieve the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 4:30)

- Paul tells believers to not grieve the Holy Spirit.
- Believers have been sealed by the Holy Spirit for the day of redemption.

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 1:13-14

¹³In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

J. Further Instructions (Ephesians 4:31-32)

- Paul tells believers to put away bitterness, wrath, anger, brawling, slander and malice.
- These actions and attitudes are not to be a part of believers' lives.
- Rather, believers are to be kind, tenderhearted and forgiving as God is forgiving to us.