

Ethical Work and Speech

Ephesians 4:28-29

I. Introduction

II. Repent of Your Stealing. v. 28a

- A. Are you guilty of stealing? (Ex. 20:15, Rom. 13:9, 1 Cor. 6:10)
- B. What are the subtle ways that one can steal? (Luke 19:8, Mal. 3:8, 2 Thess. 3:11)

III. Resolve to Work Hard and Be a Blessing to Others. v. 28b

- A. Instead of theft, you must work hard. v. 28b (Prov. 13:11, Prov. 28:6, 1 Thess. 4:11)
- B. Be generous with your resources. (Prov. 11:25, Gal. 6:10, 1 Tim. 6:18, Rom. 12:13, Acts 20:33ff)

IV. Repudiate Rotten Speech. v. 29a

- A. Put a guard over your mouth. v. 29a (Ps. 141:3, 1 Cor. 15:33, Jas. 3:6, Matt. 13:48, Rev. 21:8)
- B. What are some ways that you allow rotten speech to come forth from your mouth? (Matt. 26:74, Eph. 5:4, 2 Tim. 2:16, Pro. 10:31, Col. 3:8, Matt. 15:18)

V. Render Words of Edification. v. 29b

- A. Purpose to build others up by your words. v. 29b (Col. 4:6)

VI. Relay Grace to Others. v. 29c

- A. Seek to build others up in light of their need. (Is. 50:4, Pro. 25:11)
- B. Purpose to breath grace to others! v. 29c (Eph. 1-3, Phil. 4:8)

V. Conclusion / Application