

Review

- Primary motivation for all we do 2 Corinthians 5:14
- Christ has made the outward change in our lives is by changing the way we think (Eph 4:23)
- The outward changes are described as putting off and putting on like clothing (Eph 4:22 & 24)

Application {Eph 4:25-32}

<b>Specific behavior</b>	<b>Put off</b>	<b>Put on</b>	<b>Fruit</b>
• Eph 4:25	lay aside falsehood	Speak truth	Unity
• Eph 4:26	Be angry	Do not sin	Devil won't split body
• Eph 4:28	Steal no longer	let him labor	sharing with needy
• Eph 4:29	No unwholesome word	Edifying word	giving grace to those
• Eph 4:31&32 in Love	Bitterness, wrath, etc	Kind, tender-hearted	Building up of the body

Comments

Lying

- Satan is the father of all liars, twisting truth to destroy.
- Opposite is Jesus who is the Truth (Jn 14:6)
- As Christians we are to "speak truth." Completely the opposite
- The result of our speaking should be to build unity in the body.

Anger

- all anger is not evil. God is often angry. Jesus was angry Mk 3:5, Mt 21:12&13
- Paul is quoting Psalm 4:4 "be angry yet do not sin" {be angry for the right reason}
- Put controls on your anger. "Don't let the sun go down..." Test yourself
- The result of exercising Godly anger should be peace in the body.

Stealing

- There are many ways we can steal. From God, our employer, our neighbors.
- Note how radically different the Christian behavior is. "but rather, let him labor...."
- The result of this radical change is that one who used to steal is now one who shares with the needy.

## Speech

- Unwholesome/corrupting talk = *rotten* what happens when this kind of communication occurs?
  - James 1:19
  - James 3:1-6
  - Frank Gaebelien “tongue control will never be reached until there’s heart control”
- Only such that is good for building up
  - Practice our words on ourselves first
  - Consider who we are talking to. Their situation, their background
- Fitting for the occasion
  - Do our words fit the context of the immediate situation?
  - Example; immediately after a great heart- warming service, “how bout those Red Sox”
- Giving grace to those who hear
  - This is the final test to see if we are being led by the Spirit in our speech
- And do not grieve the Holy Spirit
  - I believe that this fits with this particular behavior
  - Holy Spirit communicates God to the believer

## Attitude

- Bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, slander along with all malice
- Be Kind to one another
- Tender hearted to one another
- Forgiving one another