

# THEREFORE

*Holiness*



**a study on Ephesians**

<sup>25</sup> Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.

<sup>26</sup> Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger,

<sup>27</sup> and give no opportunity to the devil.

<sup>28</sup> Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

**Ephesians 4:25-32**



<sup>29</sup> Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

<sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

<sup>31</sup> Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.

<sup>32</sup> Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

**Ephesians 4:25-32**

# Holy Living

**1 Peter 1:14-16 - 14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, 15 but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16 since it is written, "*You shall be holy, for I am holy.*"**

**- 6 Times in Leviticus**

## **Holiness -**

- God calls Israel to be "Set Apart" from the World – To reflect HIS Holiness**
- NOT about following rules, but honoring God**



# HONESTY v.25

Not withholding truth & Not speaking lies

- *"We are members one of another"*

- **A Family – Marked by truthfulness**

Ephesians 4:14-15 -

“<sup>14</sup> so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. <sup>15</sup> Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.”

# PASSION v.26-27

**"BE ANGRY" – "Do NOT Sin"**

**Righteous** – *"Passion, Energy, Zeal"*

- In defense - Principle or Others
- Seeking Reconciliation
- Motivated by sin...

**Unrighteous** – *"Unchecked, Slander"*

- In defense - Selfishness or Reputation
- Seeking to blame or breakdown
- Motivated by sinner...

**Manipulation, Without Restraint, Grudge**

# INTEGRITY v.28

***“Do not steal” - “Honest work to share”***

**Time, Talent, Credit, Possessions, or Money**

**A Rule Growing Up... “No Work, No Eat!”**

**- 2 Thessalonians 3:10**

**Work to share, not to stockpile**

**Hard Work – tied to – Generosity**

**Serve NOT Steal**



# BUILD OTHERS UP v.29-30

## The Kingdom Agenda - NOT a Worldly Agenda

**John 1:14** “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

**WHAT GRIEVES THE SPIRIT?** – When we DO NOT....

**Ephesians 4:1-3** “<sup>1</sup>...to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”



# CHRIST-LIKE v.31-32

## *Put Away:*

**Bitterness** – Unforgiving    **Wrath** – Vengeance

**Anger** – Selfishness    **Clamor** – Verbal Fighting

**Slander** – False Evils    **Malice** – Deliberate Harm

## *Put On:*

**Kindness** – Compassion (Emotion & Action)

**Tenderheartedness** – Sympathy & Care

**Forgiveness** – “As we have been forgiven”

**Lord's Prayer – Matthew 26:28**

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