

CONTRAST

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INTRODUCTION

1. Text Ephesians 4:22-32
2. This figure of taking off clothes is used to make a point to the people of Ephesus.
3. The principles, habits, and dispositions of the soul must be changed before there can be a saving change of the life.
4. Today we want to notice the contrast between how we used to be and how we are to be.

II Discussion.

A. Old Man

1. Romans 6:1-6 Tells us of the old and new man.
2. The old man is laid in the grave and we are to be new creatures 2 Corinthians 5:17
3. This is the new birth of John 3:7.

B. Talk

1. Lying. Rev 21:8
 - a. We can lie in several ways; by not saying anything, by saying half-truths, and by not telling the truth at all.
 - b. It all comes from the devil. John 8:44
2. Truth
 - a. The truth will make us free. John 8:32
 - b. The truth needs to be taught in love. Ephesians 4:15
 - c. The truth needs to be preached. John 17:17 2 Timothy 4:2
3. It is never right to tell a lie.

C. Anger

1. This means: that which points, especially to that which provokes wrath. It is harbored, abiding.
2. Our Lord was angry but did not sin. Mark 3:5 I Peter 2:22-23
3. Sin not - what happens when we are angry? We say and do things we normally wouldn't and we later regret it.

D. Stealing - Working

1. Stealing
 - a. Idle mind is the devil's workshop. Stealing is the effects of idleness.
- Don't sponge but spend.
2. Work has always been right.
 - a. I Timothy 5:8 II Thessalonians 3:10
 3. This passage tells us why we are to work.

E. Kinds of talk

1. Evil communication. James 3:10
2. We will be judged by what we say. Matthew 12:34-37
3. Edifying. Col 4:6

- F. Dispositions towards others
1. Bitterness a condition of extreme wickedness
 2. Wrath - anger smoldering bitterness, kindled into flames
 3. Clamour - Controversy Loud threatening
 4. Evil speaking - abuse insults
 5. Malice all of the above are various exhibitions of malice. badness in general
 6. Kind - serviceable, good, pleasant, gracious.
 7. Tender hearted - compassionate
 8. Forgiving. Matthew 6:14-15 18:21-22

III Conclusion

1. We need to take those old things off when we become new creatures.
2. We need to leave them off.
3. Have you been a new creature?

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