

VBF Women's Study

LESSON 35 EPHESIANS 4:25-32 Part 2

As you read through and study this letter, humble yourself before God, asking Him to open your heart and help you understand His Word. As the Psalmist prayed: "Open my eyes, that I may behold Wonderful things from Thy law" (Psalm 119:18).

Assignment: Read through Ephesians chapter 4 several times. Attempt to answer the following discussion questions. Enjoy your study!

Questions:

1. REVIEW: In verses 25-32, Paul gives 5 groups of commands that stem from what was taught in 17-24 as indicated by the term "Therefore" in 4:25. How then does what Paul shares in 4:25-32 relate to the commands in 4:17-24? Explain.

2. Answer the following in REVIEW:
 - a. The first related group of commands are in what verse? What is it implied we have as believers already "put away"? Having put away falsehood, what are we thus commanded to do? Why are we do this?

 - b. Is there any area you are not speaking truth within the body of Christ?

 - c. The second related group of commands are in what verses? What are we commanded to do in 4:26a? List all the qualifications given to the first command in 4:26a? Are they negative or positive qualifications?

 - d. Why should we walk within God's parameters for anger? Explain what will happen if we do not. What do you think this looks like? (Think of devils' nature)

 - e. From Eph. 4:26-27 and James 1:19-20, describe God's parameters for human anger and irritation. When you get angry is your anger within these parameters?

3. The third related group of commands are in what verse? List the commands and how do they relate to one another. Explain the contrast.

4. How is the phase "let him labor" in 4:28 modified and explained?

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Lexical note: The word translated “share” in 4:28 is metadidomi. It is based on the word didomai which means to simply to give. Metadidomi carries the sense of not simply giving but of imparting or sharing. It is one thing to give, it’s another to share. It carries more of the idea giving in the context of self-sacrifice. It is used in the following verses: Luke 3:11 (share), Romans 1:11 (impart), 12:8 (gives), 1Thes 2:8 (impart) and of course in our verse Eph. 4:28 (share).

5. What is the purpose stated in 4:28 and how does it relate to the command?
6. Make observations from the following concerning work or the work relationship:
 - a. Genesis 3:17-19 (Who was this spoken to?)
 - b. Titus 2:3-5 (Who is this directed to?)
 - c. Titus 2:9-10 (Note: Slavery during biblical times was in some way much like our work relationship's today)
 - d. Colossians 3:22-25
 - e. 1Peter 2:18-20
 - f. Colossians 4:1, 1Timothy 6:1-2
 - g. 1Thes. 4:9-11, 2Thes. 3:6-15
 - h. Proverbs 10:4-5
 - i. Proverbs 13:11, 14:23
 - j. Proverbs 23:4-5
 - k. Proverbs 20:4
 - l. Proverbs 6:6-11
 - m. Acts 20:33-35
 - n. Ephesians 4:28
7. How does our passage and the passages above apply to our husbands (if married)? How do they apply to us? Are you teaching your children (if you have children) these truths?
8. Do you see you (and your husband, if married) see work and the wage earned in light of what we have seen? Explain. Are you also teaching your children these truths?