

**Putting on the New Self:
Telling the Truth, Stewarding
Anger, & Doing Honest Work**

Ephesians 4:25-32

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Ephesians 4:25

“Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.”

A Definition of Lying:

- Lying is the intentional use of words, gestures, actions, or some other means to lead others to believe something is true when it is not.
 - The aspect of intentionality is necessary for something to qualify as a lie;
 - We lie in a number of ways: with words, gestures, actions, or the absence of these things.

Revelation 21:8

“But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”

Ephesians 4:26-27

“Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil.”

Why Does the Bible Command This?

1. Because grudge-bearing doesn't reflect the truth about Christ;
2. Because we're members of one another;
3. Because who knows if we'll have life tomorrow;
4. Because sitting on a grudge can make it worse not better;
5. Because to delay in doing right is as bad as doing wrong;
6. Because holding a grudge gives opportunity to the devil.

Ephesians 4:28

“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.”

In Summary...

Paul tells us...

- *...to put off lying and put on truth-telling;*
- *...to put off being controlled by our anger and put on controlling our anger;*
- *...and to put off stealing and put on hard work and generosity.*

Let's strive to be like our Father!