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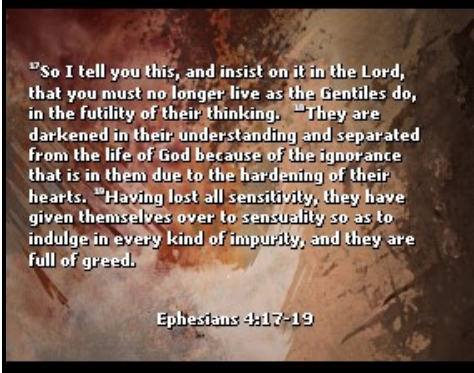
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6. Speak the Truth in Love 1. Page 1



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7. Ephesians 4:17-19 (1. Ephesians 4:17-19



17So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking.
18They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because

8. Mark 8:36 (NIV) 1. Mark 8:36



What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?

9. Ephesians 4:19 (The 1. Ephesians 4:19



They can't think straight anymore. Feeling no pain, they let themselves go in sexual obsession, addicted to every sort of perversion.

10. 2 Corinthians 4:4 (1. 2 Corinthians 4:4

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~ St. Augustine

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12. Ephesians 4:20-24 1. Ephesians 4:20-24

²⁰That, however, is not the way of life you learned ²¹when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. ²²You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

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~ Mark D. Roberts. Ephesians (The Story of God Bible Commentary) (p. 150), Zondervan Academic.

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14. Ephesians 4:25-28 1. Ephesians 4:25-28

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~ Tom Wright. Paul for Everyone: The Prison Letters - Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians and Philemon (New Testament for Everyone)

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16. Ephesians 4:29-32 1. Ephesians 4:29-32

²⁹Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³²Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

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17. Putting Off and Pt 1. Page 1

Putting Off and Putting On

Put off falsehood - Put on speak truth to your neighbour

Put off swearing - Put on work - share with the needy

Put off unwholesome talk come out of your mouth - Put on speaking what is helpful for building up others - benefit those who listen

Putting Off and Putting On

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17. Putting Off and Pt 2. Page 2

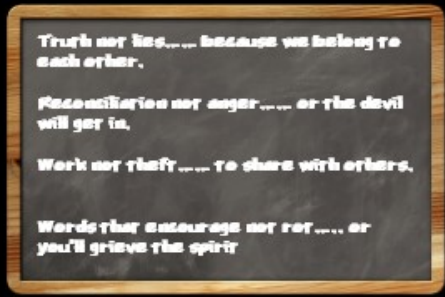
Put off bitterness, rage & anger, brawling & slander, every form of malice - Put on kindness, compassion & forgiveness of each other, like God

When you're angry do not sin - don't let the sun go down on your anger - don't give the devil a foothold - unresolved opens you to the devil

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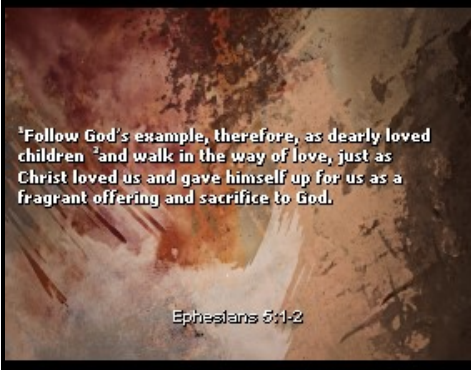
18. Truth not lies..... t 1. Page 1



Truth not lies..... because we belong to each other.

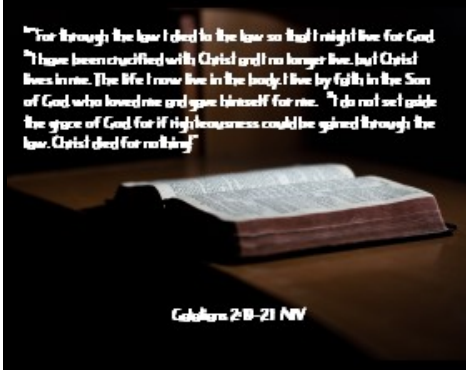
Reconciliation not anger..... or the devil will get in.

19. Ephesians 5:1-2 (1. Ephesians 5:1-2



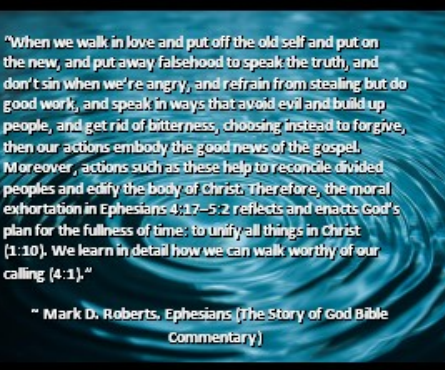
1 Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children 2 and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

20. Galatians 2:19-21 1. Galatians 2:19-21



19 "For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God. 20 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing."

21. "When we walk in 1. Page 1



"When we walk in love and put off the old self and put on the new, and put away falsehood to speak the truth, and don't sin when we're angry, and refrain from stealing but do good work, and speak in ways that

21. "When we walk in 2. Page 2

