

Putting Off the Old Man's Garments



Ephesians 4:25-32

- **Review – “Have You Put On the New Man?” – Eph. 4:17-32**
 - **Intent: I want us to be transformed from the state of knowing to the state of being.**
 - **Purpose: We must be changed to be unchanged.**
 - **Goal: cause us to put on the new man.**
- **Lesson #1 – Putting on the New Man**
 - A. The first assignment will make us aware of our level of maturity.**
 - B. The next assignment we should expect it to strengthen us for the next assignment.**
 - C. Expect an assignment to connect you those whom God has chosen to labor with you in the gospel.**
 - **We must connect with the younger, peers, and elders.**
- **Lesson # 2 – What to Expect When You Put On the New Man**
 - A. When God gives you an assignment, expect the “human element” challenge.**
 - **Human element – a group of interrelated feelings, desires, and memories that functions as a unit to dominate our personalities.**
 - B. Expect the unexpected challenge.**
 - C. Expect the expected challenge.**

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- **In the United States a lot of money is spent on clothes.**
 - **The believer is to put off the garments of the old man.**
- 1. The garment of lying (v. 25).**
 - A. A lie does at least three things.**
 - B. The Scripture gives one strong reason for believers to speak only the truth: we are members of one another.**
 - C. The believer is to be altogether what he says.**

2. The garment of anger (v. 26-27).
 - A. There is wrong anger, or what may be called unjustified or selfish anger.
 - B. There is right anger, or what may be called justified anger (Mark 3:5; Matt. 21:12-13).
 - C. There is right anger, or what may be called justified anger (Mark 3:5; Matt. 21:12-13).

3. The garment of stealing (v. 28). The word “steal” means to cheat, to take wrongfully from another person, either legally or illegally.
 - A. A person steals by taking something which is actually possessed or personally owned by another person (Pro. 11:1).
 - B. A person steals by hoarding and banking more than he needs.
 - C. A person steals by living extravagantly, beyond what he needs.

4. The garment of worthless talk (v. 29).
 - The obscene mouth may range from off-colored humor or dirty jokes, from immoral suggestions to outright propositions for sex.

5. The garment of being contrary (v. 30).
 - A. The command is very forceful.
 - B. There are at least four ways the Holy Spirit is grieved.
 - C. The reason we should not grieve the Spirit of God is because of His great ministry to us.

6. The garment of unkindness (v. 31).
 - A. There is “bitterness;” resentment, harshness.
 - B. There is “wrath”, anger, rage, fury.
 - C. There is “anger”, passion, fury, hostility.
 - D. There is “clamor”, arguing, fussing, quarreling, brawling.
 - E. There is “malice”, slander, hurtful, injurious speech.