



We are Members One of Another

Ephesians 4:25-32



Speak the truth

- Having put away
- Falsehood—pseudo
- Speak truth (neighbor)
- We are members one of another
- Mutual accountability and care



Do Honest Work

- A lifestyle of getting by
- Labor (toil) is to replace stealing (*klepto*-maniac)
- Working with his own hands what is good (*agathos*)
- Hands that once stole now labor and toil
- Purpose—impart or give (Romans 1:11; 12:8; Luke 3:11; 1 Thess. 2:8)



Do not harbor anger

- Caution against sin
- metaphor here—setting sun as terminus
- Give no opportunity (place; foothold to the devil. Philipps Trans)
- Paul is always aware of the devil's work



Be careful what you say

- Do not let go forth—proceed out of
- Any unwholesome (**σαπρὸς**) word out of your mouth (Matthew 13:48—“bad” fish; bad tree and bad fruit—rotten (Luke 6:43)
- “But if any good (**ἀγαθὸς**)—



Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God

- “You” (plural) do not grieve the Holy Spirit
- In the immediate context what might this include? 4:17-32
- By whom you were sealed for the day of redemption
- Work of the Holy Spirit here



“Sealed”

- Important word for Paul. Metaphor from use of ancient seals. Important possessions were sealed, coins and slaves were given seals, and sometimes one adopted a particular seal of a particular deity. Often used with idea of tested and passed approval. “Stamp of approval” in our lingo (1:13; John 3:33; John 6:27; Matthew 27:66)





- **GREEK-SCYTHIAN, c. 300 BC - 50 AD**, a baked clay seal, 42mm dia., 30mm tall, 30mm circular face has a beautifully carved charioteer driving a biga R, legend in "cursive Greek" in exergue probably reads *Vissi*. This theme is ubiquitous on Roman Republican denarii. Person's name or Live!



Put away—Let be put away

- Bitterness—Acts 8:23; Romans 3:14; Hebrews 12:15
- Wrath=explosions of anger—Romans
- Unresolved anger—4:26, 27 above.



Put away—Let be put away

- Clamor=fighting, quarrelling, etc.
- Slander
- All malice—evil intents and motives



Be kind to one another

- Kindness is the oil of human relationships
- Tenderhearted—1 Peter 3:8
- Forgiving one another
- Theological foundations for this kind, tenderhearted forgiveness
- God desires that relationships reflect the divine essence of being and unity.



Conclusion

- **Speak the truth**
- **Do not harbor anger**
- **Do honest work**
- **Be careful what you say**
- **Do not grieve the Holy Spirit**
- **Put away bad behavior**
- **Be kind to one another**