

A BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

FROM THE DEVIL

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25 Therefore, having put away all falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. 26 Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27 and give no opportunity to the devil. 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. 29 Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. 32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

***The Point:***

Paul is specifically explaining what it looks like to put off the old and put on the new.

# I. YOU CAN'T TELL THE GOOD NEWS AND YOUR LIFE BE THE BAD NEWS.

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- ◆ Truth is the foundation of all Christian living
- ◆ Lying with lip and life dissolves our unity

## 2. KNOW THAT ANGER IS A GREAT REVEALER.

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◆parorgismo-The irritation, exasperation or anger to which one is provoked.

3. REMEMBER YOU ARE EITHER OPENING  
A DOOR TO SATAN OR CLOSING A DOOR ON HIM!

4. GIVING IS THE MOTIVE FOR GETTING!

*Μεταδίδοναι* (metadīdōnai)-“with giving”

5. NOT SPEAKING CORRUPTLY DOESN'T JUST MEAN NOT SAYING BAD THINGS BUT IT MEANS MAKING SURE YOU ARE SPEAKING PURPOSEFULLY.

◆sapos,(“rotten”) words , but helpful (agathos, “good, beneficial”)

◆build up

◆bless

6. GOD DOESN'T JUST DEAL WITH ACTIONS BUT INTENSIONS. (PUT AWAY BITTERNESS, WRATH, ANGER, CLAMOR, SLANDER, MALICE) (V. 31)

## 7. VIEW FORGIVING AS “BEING GRACE” TO SOMEONE! (V. 32)

“Forgiving” lit “being gracious,” charizomenoi, (participle from the verb charizomai), “grace being”

**It cost Jesus his life to forgive us, but it cost us nothing to forgive others!**

**It is one of the greatest atrocities in the Christian life to not be forgiving because Christ should have incinerated you!**