

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE NEW WALK, PART 1
(Ephesians 4:25-28)

- I. Be TRUTHFUL in Your SPEECH (Eph. 4:25)
 - A. Every believer must lay aside FALSEHOOD
 - 1. Our natural self is DISHONEST
 - 2. Dishonesty is incompatible with our NEW NATURE
 - B. Each one must “SPEAK TRUTH with his neighbor”
 - 1. You needn’t say EVERYTHING you KNOW or THINK (cf. 4:15)
 - 2. You must not try to DECEIVE
 - C. We are “MEMBERS of ONE ANOTHER”

- II. Be CONTROLLED in Your ANGER (Eph. 4:26-27)
 - A. “Be ANGRY” only at appropriate THINGS and TIMES
 - 1. When GOD is being MALIGNED
 - 2. When OTHERS are being MISTREATED
 - B. Do not engage in SINFUL anger

1. Anger over PERSONAL offenses
 2. PROLONGED anger that broods into VENGEANCE
- C. Beware giving the DEVIL an OPPORTUNITY
1. Using YOU to WOUND others
 2. Damaging your TESTIMONY
 3. Interfering with your SUBMISSION to the SPIRIT

III. Be DILIGENT in Your WORK (Eph. 4:28)

- A. The “STEALER” must no longer “STEAL”
1. Stealing things you WANT
 2. Stealing things you NEED to SURVIVE
- B. Instead, he must WORK HARD doing what is GOOD
1. Necessary for his own PROVISION
 2. Goal is not personal WEALTH but the means to be GENEROUS