Ephesians 25

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE NEW WALK, PART 2 (Ephesians 4:29-32)

I. Be GRACIOUS in Your SPEECH (Eph. 4:29)

- A. Say nothing "UNWHOLESOME"
 - 1. That which is CORRUPT (cf. 5:4)
 - 2. That which is DESTRUCTIVE (James 3:6-8)
- B. Say only what is GOOD
 - 1. That which STRENGTHENS (Prov. 25:12; Eccl. 12:10-11)
 - 2. That which is TIMELY (Prov. 15:23; 24:26; 25:11)
 - That which gives GRACE to those who HEAR (Col. 4:6; cf. Isa. 50:4)
- C. You don't want to GRIEVE the Holy Spirit (cf. 1 Thess. 5:19)
 - 1. The one who IDENTIFIES you as CHRIST'S (cf. 1:13)
 - 2. The one who GUARANTEES your REDEMPTION (cf. 1:14)

II. Be SUBMISSIVE to the HOLY SPIRIT (Eph 4:30-32)

A. Forsake SINFUL VICES (cf. Gal. 5:19-21)

- 1. All BITTERNESS (Heb. 12:15; cf. 1 Cor. 13:5)
- 2. All WRATH (Prov. 14:7; Eccl. 7:9; Gal. 5:20; Rev. 12:12)
- 3. All ANGER (James 1:19-20)
- 4. All CLAMOR (Acts 22:22-23)
- 5. All SLANDER (Rev. 13:1, 5, 6)
- 6. All MALICE (Rom. 1:29; 1 Cor. 5:8; Titus 3:3)
- B. Develop GODLY VIRTUES (cf. Gal. 5:22-23)
 - 1. Be KIND (Luke 6:35*b*; Rom. 2:4)
 - 2. Be COMPASSIONATE (Luke 1:78; Phil 1:8)
 - 3. Be FORGIVING (Matt. 6:12; Luke 11:4)
- C. You know God in Christ has FORGIVEN YOU (cf. Matt. 18:21-35)