

Garments That Are Unbecoming

part 2

Ephesians 4:27-28

Reflecting . . .

“All correct knowledge of
God originates in
obedience”

When you reflect: You hopefully ask questions

- *Is it ever permissible to lie?
- *Does the situation determine what to do when it comes to ethics?
- *Is it possible to have righteous anger and keep it under control?
- *How can forgiveness and justice be held together?

Issues of the Day:

Truth – vs.25

Anger – vs.26

Loose Living – vs.27

Stealing – vs.28

Worthless & destructive talk-vs.29

Being Contrary – vs.30

Unkindness – vs.31-32

Truth:
“True Christian living
requires certain specific
actions”

Meaning:

Our relationship with God and the Holy Spirit is not a passive religion like some believe and practice.

Third, the garment of loose living is unbecoming to a Christian.

“nor give an opportunity to the devil” Ephesians 4:27

Acts 2:40 And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation."

1John 5:19

**We know that we are of
God, and the whole world
lies under the sway of the
wicked one.**

1Peter 4:3 For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles--when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries.

Ephesians 4:27

**“nor (neither) give place
to the devil”**

Fourth, the garment of stealing is unbecoming to a Christian.

Let him who stole, steal no more, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good that he may have something to give him who has need. Eph.4:28

The Old Life vs. The New Life

Negative - "steal no more..." vs.28

Positive - "what is good"; "who has need" vs.28

Negative - "...no corrupt word" vs.29

Positive - "...but what is good for necessary edification...grace to the hearer" vs.29

Do you see the contrast
and conversion?

Let him who stole steal no longer,
but rather let him labor, working
with his hands what is good, that
he may have something to give
him who has need. **Eph.4:28**

Ephesians 5:1

Therefore be imitators of
God as dear children.

Ephesians 4:23-24 ²³ and
be renewed in the spirit of
your mind, ²⁴ and that you
put on the new man which
was created according to
God, in true righteousness
and holiness.

Ephesians 4:28

Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.

Productive!

How productive have you been?

5,000 – brethren in India

5,000 – brother Rushmore's book

10,000 – hurricane relief

58,650 – Hope Children's Home

Total
78,650

Ephesians 5:1-2 ¹ Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. ² And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.