

Text: Ephesians 4:25-32

Title: Like a Good Neighbor

ETS: In light of the command in the previous section to lay aside the Gentile lifestyle, Paul instructs the church to be on guard with how they live.

ESS: The new life in Christ is more than a declaration of faith; it requires a demonstration of the transformation that we claim has taken place.

OSS: I want the hearer to live out their new life through a commitment to godliness in the way they treat one another.

Question: What are some key action points for living out the transformed life we claim to have?

Unifying Word: Commands

INTRODUCTION

OUTLINE

1. Be honest.
2. Guard your anger.
 - a. Don't let anger turn into sin.
 - b. Don't let the anger take root.
 - c. Don't do the devil any favors.
3. Work hard.
 - a. Don't steal.
 - b. Work for what you can give, not what you can get.
4. Watch your mouth.
 - a. Don't destroy people with your speech.
 - b. Build others up.
5. Do not grieve the Holy Spirit.
 - a. Don't irritate the Holy Spirit.
 - b. He is the one who keeps you saved.
6. Drop the negativity.
7. Be kind.
 - a. We all could use a little more compassion.
 - b. Forgive because you have been forgiven.

CONCLUSION