

Different How?

(Part 1)

Ephesians 4:25-27

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²⁵ Therefore, having put away 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.

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1. Truthful instead of deceitful.

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Falsehood – n. Communicating information with less than complete truthfulness, ranging from outright lying to subtle deception.

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⁴⁴ You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. John 8:44

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Why? That's how the members of a body have to function to stay healthy.

...for we are members one of another. v. 25

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2. Angry about God's reputation instead of your rights.

²⁶ *Be angry....* v. 26

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⁵ And he looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart...
Mark 3:5

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How do you know if it's righteous anger?

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If it is because God's reputation has been violated,

or

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If it is because of sin,

and

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If it is not because “ I have been treated unjustly.”

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Why? Because you don't want to give the devil opportunity to destroy relationships through your sinful anger.

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Sometimes, it's not

“ I have been treated unjustly!” but “**WHAT'S
MINE** has been treated unjustly!”

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The source of lying and anger: the heart.

But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person...

Matthew 15:18-20

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The problem in our hearts is that our desires are at war within us.

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ² You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel...

James 4:1-2

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Him: But, you should just walk on it barefooted

Me: I don't think I should do that. I have enough idols of my own to deal with already without finding a new one 😊

¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Romans 12:19-21

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1 John 2:1-4

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God's anger has been appeased so we can know
Him and live lives of truth and trust.

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