

Different How?

(Part 3)

Ephesians 4:31-32

Ephesians: The Riches of His Grace

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. ²⁸ Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. ²⁹ Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³² Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Ephesians 4:25-32

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Review:

Truthful instead of deceitful.

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Angry about God's reputation instead of your rights.

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Working instead of stealing.

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Encouraging others with your words instead of corrupting them.

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Communicate in a way that is fitting to the occasion.

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Why? Because you're giving others something they need – grace.

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Hebrews 12:15

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Cutting our school
budgets 20%?
TOM COTTON,
how could you?



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What we do want: Slow anger

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When I get angry, the question to ask is "What am I defending?" That will be what you love. —Tim Keller

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but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

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Who have you not been kind to?

Who have you not been compassionate toward?

Who are you having trouble forgiving?

Who are you holding bitterness toward?

Is God's forgiving grace still AMAZING to you?

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