

## CHANGED BY LOVE TO WALK IN LOVE

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Discovering Our Inheritance in Christ, Part 14

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Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. **Eph. 5:1-2**

**MAIN IDEA:** A transformed heart acts out in transformed ways. Today... honesty, anger management, and working hard.

<sup>25</sup> Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truth to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. **Eph. 4:25**

### 1. Put off falsehood and put on HONESTY & TRUTH.

Why people lie:

**Why so Big a Deal?** Associates of with Father of lies!

"You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies." **John 8:44**

"we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ..." **Ephesians 4:15** NLT

<sup>26</sup> "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold. **Eph. 4:26**

### 2. Put off sinful anger and put on RECONCILIATION.

Be angry...

Don't sin...

Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. **James 1:19-20**

**Don't let it percolate past a day...** resentment

See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many. **Hebrews 12:15**

**Devil waiting, baiting, us to anger to gain foothold.**

"all night their anger smolders; in the morning it blazes like a flaming fire." **Hosea 7:6** ESV

"forgive... in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes." **2 Corinthians 2:10-11**

**Diffuse it. Come together. Reconcile.**

<sup>28</sup> Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need. **Ephesians 4:28**

### 3. Put off laziness & stealing & put on HARD, PERSONAL WORK.

Petty stealing stops...

Work Hard...

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord" **Colossians 3:23**

"labor of love" **1 Thessalonians 1:3** ESV

**Find new purpose/motive for working...** Sharing.

"All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had." **Acts 4:32**