

NEW BEHAVIOR FOR THE NEW MAN
Ephesians 4:25-32

I. The new man in Christ should speak the truth (25).

Zechariah 8:16: These are the things you shall do: **speak each man the truth to his neighbor**; give judgment in your gates for truth, justice, and peace.

Revelation 21:8: But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all **liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone**, which is the second death.

II. The new man in Christ should express righteous anger (26-27).

Psalm 69:9: Because **zeal for Your house has eaten me up**, and the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.

Mark 3:5: And when He had looked around at them **with anger, being grieved by the hardness of their hearts**, He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored as whole as the other.

III. The new man in Christ should work in order to share (28).

2 Thessalonians 3:10-11: For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: **If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat. For we hear that there are some who walk among you in a disorderly manner, not working at all**, but are busybodies.

1 Timothy 5:8: But **if anyone does not provide for his own**, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and **is worse than an unbeliever**.

IV. The new man in Christ should speak wholesome words (29-30).

Psalm 141:3: **Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth**; keep watch over the door of my lips.

Proverbs 25:11: A word fitly spoken is **like apples of gold in settings of silver**.

Proverbs 15:23: A man has joy by the answer of his mouth, **and a word spoken in due season, how good it is!**

V. The new man in Christ should produce supernatural virtues (31-32).

Hebrews 12:15: looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; **lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble**, and by this many become defiled.

Romans 2:4: Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, **not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?**