

Introduction

Words: blessing, body, give, heart, rules, take

Truth builds the _____, while uncontrolled anger threatens the body.

Our work is not simply about earning a living; it is about becoming a _____ to others.

It is not a new set of _____; he is showing us life when Christ has given us a new _____.

The old man lives to _____; the new man delights to _____.

1) The New Life Rejects Stealing - vs 28a

Words: activity, commandment, creatures, live, new, old, selfish, steal, transformation, trust

The one who continues to _____ must stop.

Stealing breaks the eighth _____: 'You shall not steal' (Exodus 20:15).

Stealing belongs to the _____ man, who lived according to his father.

The old man only takes; he is _____ and self-centered. It destroys _____ and does not love.

'Let him who steals.' He describes the _____ rather than naming the person.

This allows for _____: stealing is not who they are, because they are new _____ (v. 24).

Paul tells them to stop stealing and _____ according to their _____ nature and Christ's principles.

2) The New Life Embraces Honest Labour - vs 28b

Words: contrast, effort, glorify, God's, good, only, moral, provision, refused, toil, trade, work, worship

'But' shows a _____: Paul's answer to stealing is to work hard.

The Greek word means to _____, involving considerable expenditure of _____.

Paul is saying: put all your effort into _____, so that at the end of the day you are too tired to steal.

By mentioning 'hands,' Paul is not endorsing _____ physical labour.

The instruments once used to steal must now be used to work hard and do _____.

We need to take responsibility for our own _____;

Paul had no tolerance for lazy Christians who _____ to work (2 Thessalonians 3:10-11).

Paul practised what he preached (Acts 20:33-35), and rabbis were also taught a _____.

'What is good' speaks of _____ qualities.

Our work must not compromise _____ standards, dishonour Him, mislead, or harm others.

We are to _____ God in our work; it is _____ to Him. Work was ordained before the fall.

3) The New Life Delights in Generosity - vs 28c

Words: belongs, bond, delight, family, focus, give, need, others, perspective, self, strengthen

Paul does not say: provide for your _____. He takes that duty seriously but it is not his _____ here.

We work so that we have enough to _____ to others.

The old man is focused on _____; the new man is focused on _____.

We need to change our _____ of work and why we earn money (Acts 2:44-45; 4:32).

As Christians, we believe that all we have is from God and _____ to God; He can use it as He sees fit.

Because our new nature is in God's likeness, we should naturally _____ in giving.

This is not only about giving to the church: when a brother or sister is in _____, fill that need if you can.

When you personally help someone in the church, you help to _____ the church - and you yourself are also strengthened (Acts 20:35).

Your generosity creates a _____ between you and the person you have helped.