



Heaven on Earth

Class #18

Ephesians 4:28-30

Q: Why should Christians not steal?

Q: Why should Christians talk differently than people in the wider world?

Eph. 4:28-30

*“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.” (ESV)*

Q: What is Paul’s rationale for putting off stealing? (vs. 28)

- Gal. 2:10; Acts 2:44-47

Q: What constitutes “corrupting talk”? (vs. 29)

Q: How can your words “give grace to those that hear”? (vs. 29)

Q: How can you grieve the Holy Spirit? (vs. 30)

- Gal. 5:16-17

Q: What is the connection between Paul’s instructions about working instead of stealing and the way we are to talk?

What About You?

Q: Why do you work and earn money?

- Are you using that gift the way God intended, so you could bless others?

Q: What is the goal behind the way you talk and the things you say?

- Are you using that gift the way God intended, so you could bless others?

Q: How can you improve your “walk in the Spirit”?

- A “walk” is simply one intentional step followed by another and another. The destination of our walk in the Spirit is to become like Jesus, which is a long, long journey. But the longest journeys always start with a single step.
- What is the next step you need to take to keep moving towards Jesus?