8 CHARACTERISTICS OF WALKING IN CHRIST’S LOVE

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EPHESIANS BREAKS DOWN INTO TWO MAIN SEGMENTS:

SEGMENT 1 – (C. 1-3) – HOW WE ARE UNITED WITH CHRIST
SEGMENT 2 – (C. 4-6) – HOW TO LIVE UNITED WITH CHRIST
Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body. (26) "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, (27) and do not give the devil a foothold. (28) He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need. (29) Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. (30) And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. (31) Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. (32) Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.
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DON’T LIE -- DO SPEAK THE TRUTH (4:25)

Ephesians 4:25 (NIV) (25) Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body.
DON’T SIN WHEN YOU ARE ANGRY – DO RESPOND CORRECTLY

Ephesians 4:26 (NIV) (26) "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry,
Ephesians 4:28 (NIV) (28) He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need.
Ephesians 4:29 (NIV) (29) Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.
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DON’T GRIEVE THE HOLY SPIRIT – DO UNDERSTAND REDEMPTION (4:30)

Ephesians 4:30 (NIV) (30) And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.
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DON’T BE BITTER, ANGRY, OUTRAGED, SLANDEROUS, MALICIOUS – (4:31)

Ephesians 4:31 (NIV) (31) Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.
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DO FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER (4:31-32)

Ephesians 4:32 (NIV) (32) Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.
OUR PRAYER: LORD HELP US...

1) NOT TO LIE -- BUT TO SPEAK THE TRUTH (4:25)

2) NOT TO SIN WHEN WE ARE ANGRY – BUT TO RESPOND CORRECTLY (4:26-27)

3) HELP US NOT TO GIVE THE DEVIL A FOOTHOLD THAT BECOMES A STRONGHOLD (4:27)

4) NOT TO STEAL – INSTEAD TO WORK HARD (4:28)

5) NOT TO TEAR DOWN --- BUT TO BUILD UP WITH OUR SPEECH (4:29)

6) NOT TO GRIEVE THE HOLY SPIRIT – BUT TO UNDERSTAND OUR REDEMPTION (4:30)

7) NOT TO BE BITTER OR ANGRY, OUTRAGED, SLANDEROUS OR MALICIOUS – (4:31)

8) HELP US TO BE KIND, COMPASSIONATE & FORGIVING OF ONE ANOTHER (4:32)

AS WE CONTINUE TO WALK IN YOUR LOVE – ALWAYS & EVERY DAY