

CHRISTIAN CONDUCT

Ephesians 4:25-32

How would God grade your Christian conduct?

I. FOUR RESPONSIBILITIES (25-29)

A. HONEST SPEECH (25)

1. Quit Lying
2. Commit to Truth Telling

B. WISE INDIGNATION (26-27)

1. Righteous Anger: “Be angry”
2. Wrong Anger: Do not sin (in your anger)
3. Resist Resentment (26b)
4. Resolve Issues (27)

C. HONORABLE WORK (28)

1. Stop Stealing! “Steal no longer”
2. Start Working! “He must labor”

D. GRACIOUS WORDS (29)

1. Without Corruption
2. With Quality: Morally good

II. ONE REQUIREMENT (30)

A. THE COMMAND

1. The Remark: Grieve not the Spirit
2. The Reality: He can be grieved!
3. The Reminder
 - a. He seals you until you reach heaven
 - b. He cannot leave or be dismissed ...
 - We take Him wherever we go!

B. THE CONTRAST (Implied)

1. Do please the Holy Spirit
2. To resist grieving Him is not enough ...
 - It should come with a commitment to please Him
3. Yielding and sensitivity to the Spirit is required.

III. GODLY ROUTINE (31-32)

- A summary guide for Christian relationships

A. PROHIBITED ATTITUDES (31)

- Put these away!

1. Harshness (bitterness)
2. Hostility (wrath and anger)
3. Hollering (clamor and slander)
4. Hatred (malice)

B. PRESCRIBED ATTITUDES (32)

1. Kindness
2. Compassion (tenderheartedness)
3. Forgiveness

CONCLUSION:

You call yourself Christian ...

- **But does your conduct reflect the reality of your conversion?**
- **How would God grade your Christian conduct?**