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# Called to Maturity, Pt. 3

Ephesians 4:25-32

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"What is missing, in short, is true maturity. I don't mean the physical kind, but rather, the much more rare psychological or emotional kind. Growing older is no guarantee of growing up, and it seems that fewer of us are getting there these days, stuck in immaturity. The underlying condition in emotional immaturity is untempered experience and expression. The above-mentioned traits are but a few of its myriad manifestations." —Dr. Neil Neufeld

"Some people's idea of free speech is that they say what they like, but if anyone says anything back, that is an outrage." —Winston Churchill

"The only reliable evidence of a person being saved is not past experience of receiving Christ, but a present life that reflects Christ." —John MacArthur

[25]Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you
speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of
another. [26]Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down
on your anger [27]and give no opportunity to the devil. [28]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. [31]Let all bitterness and wrath
and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you,
along with all malice. [32]Be kind to one another, tenderhearted,
forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.
—Ephesians 4:25-32

**We demonstrate maturity when we…**

1. **Realize _____ Telling Results in _____ Building**

2. **Resolve to Pursue _____ Over _____**

Notes:

"Not all anger is sin, but much sin comes from anger."

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger. —James 1:19

"Most people in our world today have decided it is easier to dissolve a relationship than to resolve a conflict." —Josh McDowell

### 3. Remember _____ is Better Than Getting

"Earn all you can. Save all you can. Give all you can."
—John Wesley

### 4. Replace Trash Talk With Words of _____ and _____

[2]For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body… [5]So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! [6]And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. —James 3:2, 5-6

### 5. Recognize _____ Prevent _____

"Bitterness does more harm to the vessel in which it is stored… than the vessel on which it is poured."

### 6. Replace _____ with Christ's _____

"Unforgiveness is idolatry because it reveals I treasured what I was wounded over more than I treasure Christ." —Bryan Loritts

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