

Bible Study 12 - Following God's example - Eph. 4:25 - 5:2

Children learn almost everything by imitation. Babies mirror their parents' facial expressions and eventually repeat the sounds that adults make, getting better and better at it until the sounds become words. Young children copy their parents' speech patterns. As they grow, they imitate the adults around them in more complex ways, often picking up some combination of their parents' habits, values, communication styles, and behaviours. The imitation sometimes grows even stronger during adulthood. Likewise, when we are in relationship with God, we begin to mirror the values and practices of God.

The context	Believers have spiritual blessings "in Christ". The Holy Spirit is a deposit that guarantees our resurrection. Paul prayed for the believers. Salvation is a gift received from God. That people of all cultures and nationalities can be united in the church was a new revelation to Paul. Believers in a church have unity of the Holy Spirit and a diversity of spiritual gifts. Mature Christians are Christlike and countercultural.
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PART 1 Read & then write each section in your own words – Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2

Honesty & anger (v.25-27)	
Work (v.28)	
Speech (v.29-31)	
Love and forgiveness (4:32 – 5:2)	

PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage

1. What does it teach about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit?

2. What does it teach about people?

3. Summarize a key verse in your own words.

4. In your opinion, what is the main point being taught in this passage?

5. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?

6. "Anger" is allowed in v.26, but it is prohibited in v.31. What is the difference between these two types of anger?

7. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?

Paul gives examples of a Christian's new way of life. Their attitude, behaviour and lifestyle should be different to unbelievers. God and Jesus are the ultimate examples for a godly life.



Obey

Since God's word is true, what must I change in my life to obey God?
What must I do to obey?

I will
I will
I will

Questions to help me apply this study to myself

- Is there a *SIN* for me to avoid?
- Is there a *PROMISE* from God for me to claim?
- Is there an *EXAMPLE* for me to follow?
- Is there a **COMMANDMENT** or **MODEL** for me to follow?

Share

Who will I tell about this Bible passage?

Prayer

Date:

One thing you are thankful for.

One thing that's bothering you or causing stress.

Is there anything this group can do to help you?

Person	Prayer points

Who needs help? What can we do to help over the next two weeks?

Person	How will I help them?

