

NEW LIFE REAL LIFE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

EPHESIANS 4:24-5:3

- 1 In Eph 4:25-32 what does Paul tell us to put off, what does he say to put on, and what reason does he give for doing these things? If he doesn't explicitly state each of the three parts for a given topic, fill in what is implied.

PUT OFF :

PUT ON:

REASON:

 How do the above instructions show the importance of healthy communication in promoting unity?

 Which of the commands do you have difficulty following? Explain.

 What practical steps could you take this week to improve your relationships with others in this area of difficulty?

- 2 In the list of directives - putting off and putting on - do you tend to get discouraged or encouraged?

 Are you a natural rule-follower or a rule-breaker? What do you think about when you read the verse: "Be imitators of God, as dear children." Do you tend to get stuck on the first part of the verse and forget the second part, or vice versa?

 What attitude does an emphasis on imitating God produce without remembering our identity as dear children? What danger might we fall in, if we are always claiming to be dear children without acknowledging our need to imitate our Father?

- 3 Ephesians 4:32 and 5:2 are key to understanding the motivation behind putting off, putting on, and renewing the mind. Can you describe the way this true motive has changed the way you approach personal holiness and change?

- 4 Why do we say things to hurt others, even though God clearly tells us not to in this passage?

 Why does it feel good at times to put others down? How does God view our actions when we disregard or disrespect one another?

