

/Hello./ We will begin with the sixth lecture on the prison epistles. / Today's Word is from Ephesians 4:25.

/Fifth main point, build others up according to their needs. / Verses 25-32.

/Read verse 25. / Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body.

/It says, "put off falsehood." / A believer should not lie. / People begin by lying once or twice, but their lies will eventually be revealed.

/If they are found lying, then their words will no longer be credible, even if they tell the truth. / We believers must be right in conscience and be truthful. / In John 8:44, / it says that liars are children of the devil.

/We believers are all members of one body. / Can a member deceive another member? / The entire body hurts when we hurt a finger. / Likewise, because the church is one body, / a member should not deceive another member.

/We ought to help and be truthful to each other. / Then we can help our brothers and sisters when they are in trouble. / Then we can receive help from other members.

/Many works are handled properly and smoothly when people speak and act truthfully.

/A person approached Pastor Lee, Ki-Sun and asked, "What is the most important thing in Christianity?"

/Pastor Lee replied, "Being truthful." / Then the person again asked about the second most important thing. / Pastor Lee replied again, "Being truthful."

/Then the person asked a third time and the pastor gave the same answer: "Being truthful." / Even in this world, people entrust tasks to those who are truthful and sincere. / In the same way, God entrusts important tasks and everything to those who are truthful and sincere.

/Verse 26. / "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry,

/It says, "In your anger do not sin." / A believer should not be angry. / It says in Scripture that one cannot fulfill God's righteousness when he is angry. / Yet, because we are humans, there are times when we may become angry.

/However, the important thing here is that we do not sin even if we become angry. / Doing anything in anger always results in mistakes. / We must manage our works not in a fit of anger, but according to God's Word.

/There are times when we become violently angry because of Satan's temptations. / We lose to the devil once we begin to express rage. / Also, it says, "Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry." / The amount of anger increases as it stays in our hearts.

/At first, we may be upset at something. / Then as we think over the upsetting situation, our anger will increase and we will commit a big mistake. / That is why we must resolve our anger before the sun goes down.

/We can resolve anger by praying. / We can also do so while we meditate about how Jesus had patience, forgave, and loved people like us. / Then we can love one another and show compassion.

/Verse 27. / and do not give the devil a foothold.

/When we are angry, the devil will take the chance to enrage us, to the point where we sin. / Satan tries to make us fall whenever he gets the chance to.

/When we are angry, Satan will take the chance to come and make us fall.

/Verse 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.

/This verse tells not to steal. / Also, it says that one should with their own hands to share with those in need. / We must not steal.

/Taking something by force, / lying and not keeping promises for one's own advantage, / and stealing what belongs to God is sin. / In Malachi 3:8, it says that not offering tithes is stealing

what belongs to God.

/The Lord's Day also belongs to God. / Not giving God what we must give him is also considered stealing. / Anything we take that does not belong to us is stealing.

/We are all stewards of God. / We must carry out our calling as stewards. /

/However, if a steward consider the things that belong to his master as his own, / he is an unjust steward.

/We must take care of what belongs to God and properly manage our callings as stewards. / Then we should use things according to the will of God, our Master.

/Verse 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.

/In order for a believer to build others up, he must not talk unwholesomely. / We must speak good words that benefit those who hear us. / If a person speaks wicked and perverse words, he will become filthy.

/That person will not build up the church, and will cover the glory of God. / Therefore, we believers must always speak good and holy words. / We must speak words that build others up.

/Even if something is true, we must not speak if our words will not benefit others.

/“Does this glorify God?”/ “Does this benefit those who listen?” / “Is what I am saying good?” We need to ask these questions when we speak. / We must always be careful with our words.

/Verse 30. / And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

/Lying, being angry, stealing, and speaking unwholesome words all harm the building of the church. / Not only that, but these things lead to grieving the Holy Spirit, which is sin.

/We have been sealed in the Holy Spirit. / We have been born again with God's Word and the Holy Spirit. / We have been sealed by the Holy Spirit.

/Belief in God's Word is proof that we have received the seal of the Holy Spirit. / We must not grieve the Holy Spirit.

/Verse 31. / Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.

/We must get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander. / Evil resides in each of us. / We must get rid of bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander.

/We must get rid of the evil desire to harm other people. / If we are going to be used for God's work, we must first get rid of such desires.

/Verse 32. / Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

/We believers must be compassionate to one another. / We must always be kind and loving. / We must also know how to show compassion to others.

/We must love not only those who are good to us, but also love those who wrong us.

/Just as God forgave us in Christ, we must forgive one another. / We are actually sinners who are not worthy of forgiveness, / yet, God forgave us of our sins through his love and through Jesus Christ.

/When we understand God's love and forgiveness, we can begin to forgive others just as Jesus forgave us.

/We will continue the lecture with Ephesians chapter 5. / The title of this chapter is "Love."

/First, act in love. Verses 1-7. / Second, act in light. Verses 8-14.

/Third, act wisely. Verses 15-21. / Fourth, teachings to wives and husbands. Verses 22-33.

/This chapter teaches us to act in love and light, and to live wisely.

/First, act in love. Verses 1-7.

/Read verse 1. / Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children

/Since we are dearly loved children, we must be imitators of God. / We are loved by God. / We are the objects of God's love. / We have become children of God.

/Thus, we must be imitators of God. / Parents raise their children with love. / When children are raised in love, they begin to act like their parents.

/Because we are loved by God, / we must follow his example. / The verse teaches us to act in love.

/Verse 2. / and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

/Verse 1 tells us to be imitators of God, and to imitate God is to imitate Christ. / The greatest quality of Christ that we must resemble is love. / We live in His love because we received His love.

/Love continues to overflow in us because we live in that love. / Believers should love one another in that world of love. / It says that Christ gave Himself as fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

/We must give ourselves as rightful sacrifices to God just as Jesus did. / We must give ourselves to God. / We must sacrifice ourselves to God.

/Christianity is a religion that forgives others and makes sacrifices for the salvation of others. / It says that Christ was offered to God as fragrant offering and sacrifice. / In the Old Testament times, the offering of atonement was offered by sprinkling the blood of ox or

sheep.

/This refers to how Jesus Christ bled for our sins on the cross. / We believers must also always act in love. / We must learn how to make sacrifices just like Jesus.

/We must be at the place where we can be faithful, just as Jesus was. / Because Jesus Christ suffered and died on the cross, there is the glory of resurrection.

/There is life and there is glory when we make sacrifices as Jesus did. / We must become believers who build up righteousness by sacrificially obeying God's Word for God's movement of salvation.

/Just as Jesus sacrificially loved us to death and obeyed God's Word, / we must become like Christ.

/Verse 3. / But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people.

/This verse teaches us passive ways in becoming like God. / We are told not to have even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity or greed.

/We must stay far from sexual immorality and other impurities. / We must also get rid of greed for personal gain.

/Verse 4. / Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving.

/These refer to filthy acts. / Secular words, words that go against the Bible, / and taunting must not be present in believers. / We must always speak words of thanksgiving for God's grace.

/Verse 5. / For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a man is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

/In Colossians 3:5, / it says that greed is idolatry. / One cannot see God because of greed. / One cannot properly worship God when he is blinded by greed for money and materials.

/One cannot know God. / Life is not in materials, but in God's Word. / We can properly serve God when we get rid of greed.

/Also, it says that these people cannot receive the inheritance of God. / This means that the unchosen will go to hell. / Then what does this mean to believers?

/When a believer is sexually immoral and greedy, / it interferes with him receiving inheritance in heaven. / Rather, he will be disciplined and reprimanded because of such things.

/Verse 6. / Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient.

/It says, "Let no one deceive you with empty words." / This refers to the deception that believers can commit any sins as long as they believe in God.

/They say that one can commit sexual immorality, be impure and greedy, and speak foolish words even if they believe in Jesus. / This is a lie. / Believers do not go to hell when they commit sins.

/However, believers receive God's discipline when they sin. / Believers are disciplined by God when they sin in this world. / However, since the souls of believers have been reborn, they receive salvation.

/Believers receive salvation, but they receive God's discipline when they sin. / Believers will grow distant from God when they sin. / Prayers will grow dry. / There will be no peace in believers' hearts.

/Some will fail in their business as a result of discipline. / One's children may receive God's discipline. / One's body may be disciplined.

/There is God's discipline when believers sin. / Yet, because believers have been born again,

they will receive salvation.

/Verse 7. / Therefore do not be partners with them.

/We must not be partners with those who are obscene, impure, speak foolish talk and taunt others. / We believers must always act in love.

/The second main point is, act in light. / Verses 8-14.

/Verse 8. / For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light

/We were once in spiritual darkness, which is death. / Now we have come to have light in the Lord through faith in Jesus Christ. / That is why we must live as children of light.

/We must shine this light to others through our actions. / All glory should return to God. / Thus, verse 9 speaks about the fruit of light. / The fruit of light consists in all goodness, righteousness, and truth.

/Believers who live in light should bear the fruit of light. / Three things were mentioned: goodness, righteousness, and truth.

/We must do good things. / We must build up righteousness/ and bear the fruit of truth. / We must bear these three things in the fruit of light.

/Verse 10. / and find out what pleases the Lord.

/It says, “and find out what pleases the Lord.”

/In Deuteronomy 6:16, it says, “You shall not put the LORD your God to the test.” / **It tells us not to put God to the test.** / What does this mean?

/To put God to the test, in Deuteronomy 6, / asks these questions: “Is God present among us? Is he not? / Will God do this? Will he not do this?” / It means to doubt God. / **Doubt** is unbelief. / **Doubt** is sin.

/However, verse 10 finds out what pleases God. / What must we do to please God? / We must figure out God's pleasing will.

/There are five ways in which we can find out God's pleasing will. / First, we must find it in the Bible. / We can find God's pleasing will when we read the Bible.

/Second, we can find it when we use our conscience of faith. / We cannot follow things that guilt our conscience. / Third, we can find it through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

/Because the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth, he leads us to the truth. / However, if anything does not agree with the Bible, the inspiration, no matter how great it is, is not from the Holy Spirit.

/We can find God's pleasing will through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. / Fourth, we can find it in God's providence.

/When we see that the things we do for God go smoothly because of God's guidance, then we can know that it is his pleasing will.

/Lastly, we can know through our religious experiences. / We can find God's pleasing will through religious experiences. / Therefore, we must live lives of faith that pleases God.

/Verse 11. / Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.

/Here it tells us to get rid of fruitless deeds of darkness and live a life of faith that bears fruit. / We must live life that bears fruit of light and fruit of the Holy Spirit. / Deeds of darkness refer to debauchery, drunkenness, sexual immorality, and we must get rid of these sins.

/We must rebuke them, not participate in them. / One time, a pastor wanted to drink alcohol, so he went into a pub in a dark alleyway. / When he entered, he saw an elder of the church, drinking.

/“Welcome, pastor. Have a glass.” Then they drank together. / They wandered about and sinned in darkness.

/We must not participate in deeds of darkness. / God is pleased when we rebuke them instead.

/Verse 12. / For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret.

/Unbelievers sin in hidden and unknown places, but the deeds they do are in fact very shameful. / When we commit sins, we do it secretly, but these are very shameful before God.

/When a son studies with the door closed, / he thinks, “I wish my mom would open the door and see me studying.”

/Yet, when he locks the door and does something that he should not be doing, he may think, “I hope my mom will not enter.”

/When we properly do work of faith before God, we are not ashamed. / The deeds of darkness are very shameful to both God and to humans.

/Verse 13. / But everything exposed by the light becomes visible,

/If a man sins and his sins are exposed, he will repent of his sins and be lead into light through the exposure of his sins. / Through the exposure of sins, we can get rid of works of darkness and enter into the light.

/We can enter into grace more deeply through the exposure and repentance of sins.

/Just as more gratitude is expressed by those who are much forgiven, / we must give thanks for the exposure of sins and stand upright before God with proper hearts. / However, those whose sins are not exposed continue to live in sin and will eventually be judged.

/Thus, we must thank those who reproach us for our sins. / God exposes our sins through people. / God exposed the prophet Balaam’s sins through a donkey.

/At times God personally rebukes sins. / God rebukes through the inspiration of the Holy

Spirit, / through discipline, /through guilt of conscience, / or even through little children.

/Then when we accept it with good hearts then it will appear as light. / We must be those who accept reproaches with good hearts.

/Verse 14. / This is why it is said: “Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

/It says, “Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead.” / We believers are those who sleep during the day. / Unbelievers are those who sleep at night.

/This is because the believers are in light/ and belong to the day. / Even if we sleep, because we belong to day, we sleep during the day. / This means that the spirit is asleep.

/The spirit is not dead, but asleep. / One’s senses are shut off while one sleeps. / That is why the verse tells the spirit to rise. / It says to turn from flesh and world-centered life and go back into the spiritual world.

/When we believers are awake and the light shines brightly upon us, then we can walk with God in the spiritual world. / We can defeat the devil when we live in the light. / When believers are asleep, they cannot defeat the devil and cannot believe properly.

/The verse is calling the sleeping spirit to rise. / Then Christ will shine on them. / We must live in the world of light, in the spiritual world.

/If our faith is to wake up, we must repent of our sins. / Then we must search for God with all our hearts. / Then we must be with Jesus Christ. / We must obey His will.

/Let us move on to the third point, act wisely. Verses 15-21.

/Verse 15. / Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise,

/It says, “Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise.”

/It says in Matthew 10:16/ that we are to be as shrewd as a serpent. / What does this mean?

/Adam and Eve ate the fruit of knowledge of good and evil and sinned. / They were tempted by the serpent. / However, the serpent did not tempt them with his own wisdom, but with wisdom that came from somewhere else.

/That is, the serpent tempted them with wisdom it received from Satan. / Thus, “be shrewd like a serpent” means that/ we should not be wise with our own wisdom. / Instead, we should be wise with God’s wisdom.

/The verse refers to the spiritual wisdom that is acquired through God’s Word and the works of the Holy Spirit. / Satan is wiser than humans. / We believers cannot outsmart Satan with our own wisdom.

/We can outsmart Satan with the spiritual wisdom we receive from God’s wisdom, the Bible, / and workings of the Holy Spirit.

/Verse 16. / making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

/We believers must make the most of every opportunity. / This is why we need to believe properly. / Everything is getting more evil during the last days. / It becomes easier to sin. / We should make most of every opportunity and have strong faith.

/The world begins to gravitate towards secularism, hedonism, and realism during the last days. / If we do not make most of the opportunities we’re given, we cannot properly believe in God.

/Verse 17. / Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is.

/It says, “do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is.” / If a servant worked hard on something but it is not his master’s will, then he has just wasted his time.

/His works are meaningless because his works did not correspond with his master’s will. / If workers built a house that was not constructed according to the blueprint, then all their works would have been in vain.

/This is why it is of utmost importance to understand the truth. / Everything done without proper understanding of the truth will turn out to be meaningless.

/We must understand the truth and build a firm spiritual temple on the truth. / All works in our lives will be have been done in vain in the end if they do not align with the Bible.

/This is the reason why we need to understand the Lord's will. / He who understands it is wise. / We must properly know God's will. / We must be wise believers.

/Verse 18. / Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit,

/We must not get drunk on wine, but instead, we should be filled with the Holy Spirit.
/Believers must not drink alcohol. / Many verses can be found regarding that topic.

/There are people who claim that all is fine as long as they do not get drunk, because the verse only said, "Do not get drunk." / For example, there are people who get drunk after drinking half a bottle of alcohol.

/At first, they drink a little,/ then drink some more later on. / They will get drunk as much as they drink. / This also teaches us that we believers must not get drunk with the world.

/In Revelation 17:2-5, / it says that dwellers on earth have become drunk on the wine of the mother of the prostitutes. / This refers to being drunk with the world. / Also, drunkenness also leads to debauchery. / We must not live in debauchery, but be filled with the Holy Spirit.

/“Filled with the Spirit” refers to being led and ruled by the Holy Spirit. / This means to be led with God's Word. / Being filled with the Holy Spirit is the same as being filled with the truth and with love.

/Verse 19. / Speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord,

/It says, "Speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs." / "Spiritual songs" refer to the songs the born again spirits sing because of their renewed spirits. / Their praises are sent up to God when we praise him with spiritual songs.

/Verses 20-21. / always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

/We believers must always thank God the Father. / Words of blame and complaint belong to Satan. / There is always joy and thanksgiving in God. / The verse says that we are to give thanks to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

/We must give thanks to Jesus for saving us. / We must believe that everything will work for the good and we must be thankful. / The verse also says, "Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ."

/We must always be servants to one another and learn to serve one another. / Jesus also said He came down to this earth to serve. / We believers must always be ready to serve others.

/With this we will conclude the sixth lecture on the prison epistles. / Thank you very much.