

Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group (1/22/2023):

1. What are Christians to put away in their lives (v. 25a)?
2. What does Paul single out as essential in how Christians are to interact and relate to one another (v. 25b)? Why is this important (v. 25c)?
3. How are Christians to handle anger (v. 26a)?
4. What is important when a Christian becomes angry (v. 26b)?
5. What is a potentially serious problem when a Christian gets angry (v. 27)?
6. What is Paul's command for those who came to Christ who had the practice and habit of stealing (v. 28)?
7. How are Christians not to speak to others (v. 29a)? How are Christians supposed to speak to others (v. 29b, c)?
8. Whom are Christians not to grieve (v. 30)?
9. What negative harmful actions and attitudes are not to be found among the people of God (v. 31)?
10. What positive actions and attitudes are to characterize Christians (v. 32)?
11. What kind of speech do you consider to be foul?
12. What determines whether a certain word or phrase is foul or rotten?

13. Has another Christian ever spoken to you in a way that was corrupt, foul, or unedifying? How did you respond?
14. Have you ever spoken to another brother or sister in Christ in a foul or corrupt manner? Why do you think you did so?
15. What might you say to another member of the Body of Christ today that would edify him or her?
16. Do you think that the words and speech of people in our culture have improved, stayed the same, or degenerated over time? Why?
17. What does it mean to curse someone? What does it mean to bless someone?
18. Is there ever a place for vulgarity or coarseness in public or private discourse?
19. What particular words or speech particularly strike you as corrupt, foul, or rotten? Why?
20. What does it mean to “give grace to those who hear”?