

NEW LIFE. NEW WAY. — PART 3: WORK & WORDS THAT WORK

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4 New ways to live: A Do, A Don't, and A Why.

Ephesians 4:25–29

1. Don't lie.	**Do speak the truth.**	**Why? It breaks down society, trust, and relationships.**
2. Do be angry.	**Don't sin.**	**Why? It gives the devil an opportunity.**
3. Don't steal.	**Do work.**	**Why? So you can share.**
4. Don't use foul language.	**Do encourage.**	**Why? Because it builds up others.**

Work that works

- _____.
  Psalm 104:23; Psalm 128:2
- Do honest work.
  Ruth 2:22; 2 Chronicles 15:7
  – Honest and _____ work is good for us.
  – Work is best where your gifts, interests, skills, and _____ meet.
  – Work is a _____. Teach your kids to work. *Genesis 2:15*
  – _____ and prioritize, not reactive.

Why? Work's purpose is _____.

Proverbs 28:19; Matthew 25:16

- Yourself
- Your family
- Your _____. *1 Corinthians 15:58*

Words that work

Job 33:3; Proverbs 12:14; Proverbs 16:24

- Don't _____.
- Do _____ up others.
  – Be _____ and specific.
  – Why? Give _____.

How do we live out words and work that works?

- Don't follow the progression of sin.
- Do live the fruits of the Spirit.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE

Previous: *Ephesians 1:17–19, Ephesians 2:4–5, Ephesians 3:20–21*

Current: *Ephesians 4:26–27*

"Be angry and do not sin. Don't let the sun go down on your anger, and don't give the Devil an opportunity."