

DECEITFUL LYING

In our [last study](#) we introduced a new series entitled, **Grieving The Holy Spirit**, taken from Eph.4:30.

We learned that Grieving the Indwelling Holy Spirit was just ONE of EIGHT offenses against Him.

We learned also that grieving (lupeo/ p.a. impv.2pl) was used as a language of accommodation (a human term) to teach a doctrinal principle of offending the deity of the Godhead (trinity).

The greater context of our lesson text is **Eph.4:25-32**. There are eleven Greek imperatives (commands) in this context. We have divided them into eight lesson texts: (Eph.4:25; 4:26; 4:27; 4:28; 4:29; **4:30**; 4:31; and 4:32).

We will study <u>four aspects</u> of Deceitful Lying (Eph.4:25)
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1. We learn from our lesson text that the antidote for deceitful lying that grieves the indwelling Holy Spirit (Eph.4:30) is speaking or communicating the truth of God's Word.

(Eph.4:25) “**Therefore** (dio) [Ref. to Eph.4:21-24], **laying aside** (apotithemi/ a.m.ptc.nplm) **falsehood** (to pseudos/ asn) [deceitful lying] **speak** (laleo/ p.a.impv.2pl) [communicating] **truth** (aletheia/ asf) **each one of you with his neighbor, for** (hoti) [communicating] (declarative conjunction) **we are** (eimi/ p.a.ind.1pl) **members of one another** (allelon) [one of the same kind].”

We are told that the only way the antidote can work is to **lay aside FLASEHOOD** (deceitful lying) **and to put on SPEAKING TRUTH**.

2. The source of deceitful lying that grieves the Indwelling Holy Spirit is satan and cosmos diabolicus (Worldly Thinking - satan's scheming strategy against the Plan of God revealed through His word).

Satan (the adversary against truth of God) is a liar (John 8:44). He does not have the capacity to tell the truth of God because of self-incrimination (Matt.25:41).

(2 Cor.2:11) “So that no advantage would be taken of us by satan, for we are not ignorant of his schemes.”

(2 Cor.11:3) “But I am afraid that, as the serpent (Rev.20:2) **deceived Eve** by his craftiness, your minds (church age believers) will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ.”
(1 Tim.2:14)

We can understand satan's scheming with Adam and Eve (Gen.3:1-7) The fall of the first Adam.
(Rom.5:12-21; 1 Cor.15:22, 45).

3. The deceitful lying, we are speaking of in our text is a lie against the revealed truth of the word of God that grieves the Indwelling Holy Spirit (John 14:15-16:15).

You can understand satan's scheming of deceitful lying in (Gen.3:1-7). (Gen.3:1-3) question the word of God (Gen.3:6-7).

Pseudo-truth (to pseudos) [falsehood / deceitful lying] is used by satan to attack the revealed truth of God's word.

Deceitfully lying is a willful lie! It is a lie you tell yourself before telling anyone else! It is a dress rehearsal like we see in (Gen. 3:11-13) where we see excuses for not taking responsibility to obey the truth of God.

An example is Judas Iscariot (Matt.27:4) "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood"! Judas felt remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders." (Matt.27:3) and hung himself! (Matt.27:5).

4. Our lesson text gives two spiritual antidotes to deceitful lying that grieves the Indwelling Holy Spirit:

- **Laying aside** (apotithemi/ a.m. ptc. nplm) (falsehood) Deceitful lying
- **Speaking** (laleo/ p.a. Impv.) (2nd command) the truth (Eph.4:25)

We will divide the context of Eph.4:17-32 into 3 parts. "Don't grieve the indwelling Holy Spirit (4:30)."

- 4:17-20 No longer walk as the Gentiles (4:1, 15-16).
- 4:21-24 Lay aside old man cosmos diabolicus thinking (Worldly Thinking)
- 4:25-32 Lay aside deceitful lying
 - (note the word, therefore (dio) (4:25) [refers to 4:21-24; Col.3:9-10].

There are two spiritual problem-solving devices to deceitful lying:

- **Confession of personal sin** in Christian way of life. (1 John 1:8-9; 1 Cor.1:3-13). It restores the Believer from carnality to spirituality of the Indwelling Holy Spirit.
- **Lay aside the worldly thinking (Old Man Cosmos Diabolicus Thinking)** of Deceitful lying (falsehood) that grieves the Indwelling Holy Spirit. and **put on (New Man Divine Viewpoint Thinking)** of Speaking the truth (Eph.4:21-25; 2 Tim.2:15).

(Eph.4:25) "Speak truth **each one of you**, with his neighbor, for **you are members of one another**" (allelon) [one of the same kind] (1 Cor.12:12-27)