

## *Sermon Notes -- Themes from Ephesians*

“Practical Injunctions – Part I” – Ephesians 4:25

### I. Introduction

#### A. Wearing the right clothes.

1. Paul has already said – Ephesians 4:22-26

#### B. We put off and put on because it’s already happened.

1. Colossians 3:9-10.

#### C. Key Text:

1. Ephesians 4:25
2. We are like Lazarus – brought out of death to life. Old grave clothes exchanged for wedding garments. So why do we still want the corpse wardrobe?

### II. Standards of Character conduct.

#### A. Putting off lying – verse 25

1. Greek is *Pseudos* (the lie).
  - a. Used by John in describing the Antichrist  
I John 2:21-23

#### B. Examples of lying:

1. Tale Bearing
  - a. Proverbs 18:7-8
  - b. What it is \_\_\_\_\_
2. Slandering
  - a. Psalms 35:11-16
  - b. False Reports
  - c. Thomas Watson

d. Augustine

e. Jerome

### 3. Silence

- a. A lie not corrected.
- b. Remaining silent often avoids martyrdom but it is what God wants?

### 4. Fear

- a. Denying having said something for fear of consequences.

### 5. Exaggeration

- a. Placing ourselves in a better light than the facts support.
- b. Buttering someone up.

### 6. Lying to God

- a. A sin of the tongue
- b. Annias/Saphria
- c. James 3:6-10; Psalms 141:3

### C. Look at Jesus’ life.

1. The Pharisees try to catch Him in –
  - a. Luke 11:53-54 – a slip
2. Jesus left the example to follow –
  - a. I Peter 2:21-23

### III. Points for Reflection

- A. God is concerned about truth because truthfulness is part of his being.
- B. Our lying is most often the result of trying to protect ourselves from the gaze of others, yet God sees us at all times.
- C. Honesty may be brutal, but lying can never be condoned when we use it to protect ourselves.