

## BAD TO GOOD, PART 2



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# SERMON-BASED STUDY

For the week of February 10, 2019  
Eph 4:29-31

## QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

## ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

- 1 This weekend we learned about two more practical applications of "taking off our old self and putting on a new self." Which of the five (last week and this week) do you find most easy to accomplish? Explain.
- 2 Likewise, which of the five do you find most difficult to accomplish? Explain.
- 3 We also learned that our sin grieves the Holy Spirit. How does, should, this truth serve as motivation for us to remove evil talk, thinking, and behavior from our lives and replace them with good?

## DIGGING DEEPER

- 1 **Matt 15:18-20, ESV** – <sup>18</sup> But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person.  
<sup>19</sup> For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander.  
<sup>20</sup> These are what defile a person.

**Col 3:8, ESV** – <sup>8</sup> But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth.

**Col 4:6, ESV** – <sup>6</sup> Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

Looking at the passages above, we see that the source of evil talk, thinking, and behavior is the heart. Describe a time when you have exhibited anger, wrath, clamor, slander, or malice toward someone. What was the condition of your heart at that moment?

How can a believer “put away” these things and make their speech “gracious”?

**2** **Luke 6:43-45, ESV** – <sup>43</sup>“For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, <sup>44</sup> for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thornbushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. <sup>45</sup> The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

**Col 3:12-15, ESV** – <sup>12</sup>Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup> bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup> And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

Looking at the passages above, how would you distinguish between a good person and an evil person?

What do you think Luke is referring to when he says “treasure of his heart”?

How can a person get and keep good treasure in his or her heart, while removing bad treasure?

**3** **1 Peter 3:8-12, ESV** – <sup>8</sup> Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. <sup>9</sup> Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. <sup>10</sup> For “Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; <sup>11</sup> let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. <sup>12</sup> For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

Tenderheartedness and kindness are virtues of God, and all believers should strive to acquire and display them. What happens when believers truly acquire and display these virtues? Give an example.

What role does proper talk, tenderheartedness, and kindness have in the unity of the church?

## TAKING IT HOME

Heart change is an expected outcome of our new position in Christ. Simultaneously, the body of Christ is built up in unity as we remove bad “treasure” from our heart and replace them with good “treasure.” What bad “treasure” do you need to remove from your life and replace with good ones? Remember, this is something that can only be accomplished by the power of the Holy Spirit. Spend time confessing these sins to God, repent of them, and seek His strength to follow a new path in this area of your life. Share what God is teaching you with an accountability partner.

## PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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## FOR FURTHER STUDY

Ps 78:32-41

Is 63:9-10

Mark 7:20-23