

C. Stealing

“Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.”

Ephesians 4:28

“10 For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat.

11 For we hear that there are some who walk among you in a disorderly manner, not working at all, but are busybodies.

12 Now those who are such we command and exhort through our Lord Jesus Christ that they work in quietness and eat their own bread.”

II Thessalonians 3:10-12

D. Corrupt speech

“Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.”

Ephesians 4:29

“For “He who would love life And see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips from speaking deceit.”

I Peter 3:10

E. Bitterness

“30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

31 Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.

32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.”

Ephesians 4:30-32

“looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;”

Hebrews 12:15

LET’S ALL BE STRONGER TOGETHER IN PURITY

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Based On The Book Of Ephesians

Stronger Together In Purity

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INTRODUCTION

- A.** Health pandemic, Social strife. Political division. Everywhere you look, the world is in trouble and experiencing hard times. The good news is we have the hope that people are searching for, and it’s only found in Jesus. We must tell and show our community that we are stronger together through Jesus!

“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.”

Ephesians 6:10

- B.** Drawing from the book of Ephesians the Stronger Together Teaching Series will help you thrive in uncertainty and flourish as one. You will discover how we can be stronger together in a world gripped by chaos. The messages include:

Oct 4	Stronger Together In Jesus
Oct 11	Stronger Together In Reconciliation
Oct 18	Stronger Together In Prayer
Oct 25	Stronger Together In Unity
TODAY	Stronger Together In Purity
Nov 8	Stronger Together In Humility
Nov 15	Stronger Together In Victory

- C. TEXT:** Ephesians 4:17-32 (Pew Bible/Page 197/New Test.)

“Walk” is the key word in the second half of Ephesians (Ephesians 4:1, 17; 5:2, 8, 15).

“Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”

Romans 6:4

STRONGER TOGETHER IN PURITY

I. THINK IN PURITY

“Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.”

Philippians 4:8

A. Do not think like a non-Christian.

*“17 This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind,
18 having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart;*

Ephesians 4:17-18

B. Do think like a Christian.

*“19 who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.”
20 But you have not so learned Christ,
21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus:”*

Ephesians 4:19-21

II. GROW IN PURITY

“Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.”

James 4:8

A. Put off the old man which is corrupt.

“that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts,”

Ephesians 4:22

B. Put on the new man which is clean.

*“23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind,
24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.”*

Ephesians 4:23-24

III. ACT IN PURITY

“26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes.

27 Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup.”

I Corinthians 11:26-28

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.”

Psalms 51:10

Five different sins to avoid:

A. Lying

“Therefore, putting away lying, “Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,” for we are members of one another.”

Ephesians 4:25

“Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD, But those who deal truthfully are His delight.”

Proverbs 12:22

B. Anger

*“26 “Be angry, and do not sin”: do not let the sun go down on your wrath,
27 nor give place to the devil.”*

Ephesians 4:26-27

“Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother.”

Matthew 18:15