

STRANGER STANDARDS

Stranger Things

SERIES BIG IDEA:

The _____ we experience in Jesus because of _____ is a powerful and stranger thing.

¹As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ²Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4:1-3 (NIV)

When we understand what's been done, it changes what we _____.

— Jimmy Nickelsen

⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.

Ephesians 4:4-7 (NIV)

TEACHING BIG IDEA:

My response to Jesus' love is to live according to a stranger standard by _____, _____, and _____ like Jesus.

I respond to Jesus' love:

- By thinking new _____ and forming new _____.

¹⁷So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking... ²⁰That, however, is not the way of life you learned ²¹when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. ²²You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24 (NIV)

- By speaking _____ and not lying.
Ephesians 4:25
- By working for _____ and not letting my anger get out of control.
Ephesians 4:26-27
- With _____, not thievery.
Ephesians 4:28

- With _____ words, not deconstructive gossip.

Ephesians 4:29

- With _____, not resentment.

Ephesians 4:30-32

- With _____, not sexual immorality.

¹Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us ²and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. ³But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people."

Ephesians 5:1-3 (NIV)

- By being under the Holy Spirit's _____, not the influence of alcohol.

Ephesians 5:18

God accepts me as I am and, because of grace, He won't let me _____ the _____.

Further reading for this week

Day 1: Ephesians 5:1-2

Day 2: Ephesians 5:3-7

Day 3: Ephesians 5:8-14

Day 4: Ephesians 5:15-20

Day 5: Ephesians 5:21-27

Day 6: Ephesians 5:28-33

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