

Ephesians 4:28

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

Analysis

[Verse 4:28 text would be quoted here] This verse in Ephesians chapter 4 addresses theological theme. Key Greek terms include to be determined.

The theological focus is doctrinal emphasis, demonstrating Paul's emphasis on the cosmic Christ and the church as His body/bride/temple. The phrase emphasizes union with Christ as the foundation of all spiritual blessings.

Historical Context

Written during Paul's Roman imprisonment (60-62 CE), this verse in chapter 4 reflects the circular letter's purpose to multiple Asian churches. Ephesus was a major center of pagan worship (Artemis cult) and early Christianity, making Paul's teachings on spiritual warfare and Christian unity particularly relevant.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does the truth of Ephesians 4:28 about verse-specific transform your daily walk with Christ?
2. What does this verse teach about theological theme that challenges modern Christian practice?
3. How can you apply the theological principle of doctrinal emphasis in your relationships and witness?

Interlinear Text

ο	κλεπτέτω	μηκέτι	κλεπτέτω	μᾶλλον	δὲ	κοπιάτω
G3588	Let	no more	Let	rather	but	let him labour
	G2813	G3371	G2813	G3123	G1161	G2872
ἐργαζόμενος	τὸ	ἀγαθόν	ταῖς	χερσὶν	ἵνα	
working	G3588	the thing which is good	G3588	with his hands	that	
	G2038		G18	G5495	G2443	
ἔχοντι	μεταδιδόναι	τῷ	χρείαν	ἔχοντι		
he may have	to give	G3588	to him that needeth	he may have		
	G2192		G5532	G2192		

Additional Cross-References

1 Timothy 6:18 (Good): That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;

Galatians 6:10 (Good): As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

Exodus 20:15 (Parallel theme): Thou shalt not steal.

Job 34:32 (Parallel theme): That which I see not teach thou me: if I have done iniquity, I will do no more.

Proverbs 13:11 (Parallel theme): Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished: but he that gathereth by labour shall increase.

Proverbs 30:9 (Parallel theme): Lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the LORD? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain.

Proverbs 14:23 (Parallel theme): In all labour there is profit: but the talk of the lips tendeth only to penury.

Proverbs 28:13 (Parallel theme): He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.

Jeremiah 7:9 (Parallel theme): Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods whom ye know not;

Exodus 21:16 (Parallel theme): And he that stealeth a man, and selleth him, or if he be found in his hand, he shall surely be put to death.