

- *Making the decision to grow up in Christ and build up his Church, we are now confronted with two “therefore” sections as we progress through our text.*
- *Vv 17-24 Therefore we put off the old life and put on the new life.*
 - It seems that this decision is not either/or but both/and.
 - We put off the old ways, our old approach to life.
 - We are to adopt a new approach which we learn from Christ.
 - We put on a new person - the new me, the new you.
 - We pursue a renewing of our minds.
 - We are now intentionally becoming a new person.
 - The pursuit of this new person continues until we see Christ.
- *V25 Therefore we put away lying and speak truth with our neighbor.*
 - It seems here that the decision to speak truth first involves putting away lying.
 - Speaking the truth in Ephesians four is always within the context of growing up in Christ and building up the Body of Christ.
 - We do this because we are in this together.
 - We speak truth to our neighbor.
 - Sometimes we will be angry.
 - But we are to never sin in our anger.

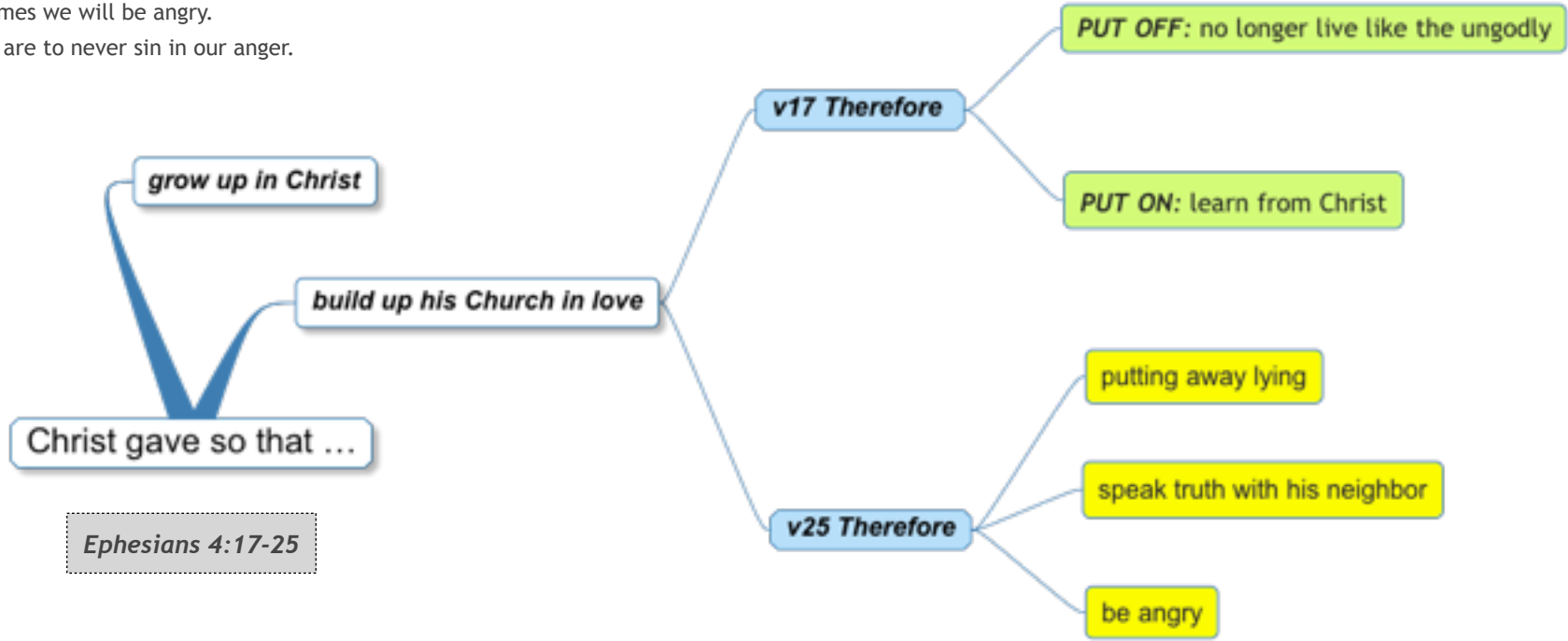
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PUT OFF **AND** PUT ON



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