



## 1. Introduction

a. How do you treat each other?

- very important to God

b. Context: do not grieve the Holy Spirit (Eph 4:30)

c. Command in the negative...

"do not do..."

d. Command in the positive, "

"instead do this..."

e. Previous positives how to treat other people

- put on the new man (person)  
(4:24)

- speak truth with your neighbor (4:25)

- work & give to charity (4:28)

- speak grace to the hearer  
(4:29)

f. ~~Im~~ Jms 1:19 every person quick to hear, slow to speak, & slow to anger

- man's wrath does not produce God's righteousness

## 2. Negatives (vs. 31) - intentional

a. Put away all bitterness

- set attitude of bitterness aside

- give bitterness back to God

- you feel wronged - give that

"hurt back to God"

- "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay." says the Lord. (Rom 12:19)

## 2b. Anger

- put anger aside
- Jms 4:1-3 wars & fights within yourself & with others
  - \* desires for pleasure
  - \* self desires on "wants"
- \* Jms 4:6-7
  - \* God resists the proud
  - \* Humble yourself to God
  - \* God gives grace to the humble

## c. Clamor

- \* loud quarrels with others
- speech of fighting words
- angry communication

## d. Evil speaking

- saying lies about others
- saying "dirt" about others
- any teasing, mockery, sarcasm hinting or saying bad things about others

## 3. Positives (vs. 32)

### a. Be kind to each other

- give love & hugs

### b. Be tenderhearted

- keep well being of others in your hearts

### c. Forgiving one another

- if another wrongs you, be ready & willing to forgive them

### d. No one is perfect

- at one time or another, anyone can offend
- be a forgiving kind of person

### e. Follow Jesus example

- God in Christ forgave your sins & offenses