

## **Mending Fences**

Maintenance for Relationships

### ***Attack the Problem Not the Person***

- I. Intro & Review
- II. Attack the problem not the person - v.29,30
  - A. WHY?
    1. Attacking uses worthless words - v.29a
    2. Attacking does not build up - v.29b
    3. Attacking grieves the Holy Spirit - v.30
    4. Attacking does self harm - v.25
  - B. HOW?
    1. Stick to the truth - v.25
    2. Be in control of your anger - v.26
    3. Stick to the current situation- v.26
    4. Avoid dynamite words - always, never, you ...
  - C. Use words that build up and attack the problem
    1. Words that build up - v.29
    2. Words that give grace - v.29
    3. Words pleasing to the Holy Spirit - v.30
    4. Words that turn away anger - Prov 15:1
  - D. HOW?
    1. Realize as a child of God you can change!
    2. Realize God has provided all you need through Scripture, prayer and the Holy Spirit
    3. Seek wise counsel when dealing with hard issues
    4. Commit to change OR accept things will only get worse