

Mending Fences

Maintenance for Relationships

Act, Don't React

- I. Intro & Review
- II. Put off communication that is reactionary - v.31
 - A. Definitions:
 1. Bitterness = smoldering resentment
 2. Wrath = flaring outbursts of wild rage
 3. Anger = internal smolder seeking revenge
 4. Clamor = contention, quarreling, brawling
 5. Slander = speech that injures
 6. Malice = desire to harm or see them suffer
 - B. HOW? Ephesians 5:18; Galatians 5:22,23
 1. Be under the influence of the Spirit
 2. Practice self control
 3. Take a "time out"
 4. Go somewhere public
 5. Avoid the blame game - Gen 3:8-13
- III. Put on communication that acts correctly - v.32
 - A. Definitions:
 1. Kind = benevolent; helpful
 2. Tenderhearted = compassionate; sympathetic
 3. Forgiving = giving up your right to revenge or hold a grudge
 - B. Four promises of forgiveness
 1. I will not dwell on this issue
 2. I will not bring this up and use it against you
 3. I will not talk to others about this issue
 4. I will not let this stand between us