

# *Treating Others with Grace!*

Ephesians 4:31-32  
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## Introduction

- Interpersonal conflict is inevitable
- Principle of Transformation: "Put off - Renewal - Put on"

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### A. **"Put Off"** the Relational Poisons 4:31

1. *"Bitterness" -- "irritable state of mind"*
  - a. Signs of bitterness
  - b. Seriousness of bitterness
2. *"Wrath" -- "explosive anger"*
3. *"Anger" -- the "slow burn"*
4. *"Clamor" -- "loud, verbal release of anger"*
5. *"Evil Speaking" -- "lies meant to destroy or damage another"*
6. *"Malice" -- "ill-will towards another"*

### B. **"Put On"** the Relational Purities 4:32

1. *"Become kind to one another"*
  - a. A process over time, the product of the Spirit of God.
  - b. Meaning: *"kind, benevolent, mild"*-- Luke 6:35
    - 1) Kind in words—Ephesians 4:29; 2 Timothy 2:24-26
    - 2) Kind in actions—Romans 12:10, 17
2. Cultivate *"Tenderheartedness"*
  - a. Etymology: *"good intestines"*
  - b. Explanation: Open heart, flowing emotions
  - c. Illustration: Paul's relationship to Corinthians—2 Cor. 6
  - d. Opposite: Hardheartedness

### C. **"Renewal"** through Relational Pardon-- 4:32

1. Meaning-- three Greek words for 'forgive'
  - a. *"charizomai"*-- bestowing grace. A gift!
  - b. *"apolo"* -- releasing the guilt and grip
  - b. *"aphiemi"*-- removing the offense
2. Model—*"Forgive as God has forgiven us"*
3. Method: How do we forgive another?
  - a. Asking for and Granting Forgiveness
  - b. Forgiveness for those who do not ask?
4. Motivation: Why forgive?
  - a. We've been forgiven much!
  - b. Failure to forgive hurts YOU!