

• Our relationships can be like beautiful, painted pictures. However, Paul mentions a list of character attributes that can destroy our relationships. What are they, and how can we avoid them?

"Without natural affection"

- This phrase means "abnormal relationships, _____-hearted towards kindred."
- The opposite would be to love and ______ your family affectionately. Ephesians 5:29, Titus 2:4
- Those closest to you need your love and your affection.
- They need you to be emotionally present in the home and in those relationships. Christ can help you to ______ fervently!

"Trucebreakers"

- This is a word that describes people who are just ______ to get along with.
- As a result, a lack of peace characterizes their life.
- The opposite of a trucebreaker would be a person with internal and the ability to maintain peaceful, healthy relationships.

"False accusers"

- This word is also translated "slanderer."
- The opposite of this is a person that speaks words that build up.

"Let no unwholesome word proceed out of your mouth, but only that which is good for building up, that it may give grace to the listeners."

Ephesians 4:29 MEV

"Incontinent"

Incontinent means without self-_____.

"And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit." Ephesians 5:18

"Fierce"

- This carries the idea of somebody who is an _____ person and easily enraged.
- The opposite of fierce would be kind and _____. Titus 3:2-4

"Despisers of those that are good"

Our culture tends to celebrate ______.

"Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!" **Isaiah 5:20**

• Christ can change us and help us to learn to hate evil and embrace