

# Putting Away Malice and Putting On Mercy

## Ephesians 4:31-32

### I. We Must Put Away All Malice (vs. 31)

#### 1. We Must Put Away All Bitterness [*pikría*]

Romans 3:14  
Hebrews 12:14-15

#### 2. We Must Put Away All Wrath [*thumós*]

The Greek word *thumós* is used “of *anger* that boils up and subsides again” and refers to a “swelling up of anger, [a] hot temper, [or an] angry outburst” (Friberg # 13818, BibleWorks).

#### 3. We Must Put Away All Anger [*orgé*]

This Greek word for anger here is *orgé* which, when used in contrast with *thumós*, refers to a “settled indignation” (Friberg # 13818, BibleWorks). That is, it probably refers here to an *ongoing attitude of anger*, or to an *angry disposition*, rather than the kind of outburst that comes and goes.

#### 4. We Must Put Away All Clamor [*krauge*]

Acts 23:6-9

#### 5. We Must Put Away All Evil Speaking [*blasphēmía*] (ESV, NASB = *slander*)

#### 6. We Must Put Away All Malice [*kakía*]

### II. We Must Put On Mercy (vs. 32)

#### 1. We Must Be Kind [*chrēstós*]

The Greek word translated *kind* is *chrēstós*, which is appropriately rendered here since, when used of people, the word clearly means “kind, obliging, [or] benevolent” (Friberg # 28758, BibleWorks).

Luke 6:35  
Romans 2:4

#### 2. We Must Be Tenderhearted [*eúspagchnos*]

Matthew 9:36

#### 3. We Must Be Forgiving [*charízomai*]

Ephesians 2:1-10