

## Walk Different

Based On: Ephesians 4:26-27, 31-32, 5:1-3

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### Overview – Key Words

**Bitterness** - **πικρία** *pikría*; Acts 8:23 where “gall of bitterness” denotes extreme wickedness, highly offensive to God and all good men, likely to be hurtful and destructive to others, for which much suffering is reserved in the world to come for unbelievers. A “root of bitterness” in Heb. 12:15 means a wicked person whose life and behavior is now offensive to God and obnoxious to men.<sup>1</sup>

**Rage** – **θυμός**, *thumós*, : a state of intense anger, with the implication of passionate outbursts—‘anger, fury, wrath, rage.’ All the people in the synagogue were filled with anger when they heard this’ Lk 4:28.<sup>2</sup>

**Anger** - **ὀργή** *orgḗ*; covet after, desire. Wrath, anger as a state of mind. Contrast *thumós*, indignation, wrath as the outburst of a vengeful mind. Aristotle says that *orgḗ*, anger, is desire with grief.<sup>1</sup>

**Brawling** – **κραυγή** *kraugḗ*; to clamor or cry. An outcry, usually for public information (Matt. 25:6; Rev. 14:18); of tumult or controversy, clamor (Acts 23:9; Eph. 4:31); of sorrow, wailing (Rev. 21:4; of supplication (Heb. 5:7; Sept.: Job 34:28)).<sup>1</sup>

**Slander** - **βλασφημία** *blasphēmía*; blasphemous or a blasphemer. Blasphemy, verbal abuse against someone which denotes the very worst type of slander mentioned in Matt. 15:19 with false witnesses; wounding someone’s reputation by evil reports, evil speaking.<sup>1</sup>

**Malice** - **κακία**<sup>c</sup>, a feeling of hostility and strong dislike, with a possible implication of desiring to do harm—‘hateful feeling.’ σὺν πάσῃ κακίᾳ ‘together with every hateful feeling’ Eph 4:31.<sup>2</sup>

**Kind** – **χρηστός** *chrēstós*; to furnish what is needed. Profitable, fit, good for any use. Of persons, useful toward others, hence good-natured, good, gentle, kind.<sup>1</sup>

**Compassionate** - **εὐσπλαγχνος** *eúsplagchnos*; Tender-hearted, full of compassion, pity (Eph. 4:32; 1 Pet. 3:8). **Syn.:** *eleēmōn*, merciful, actively compassionate; *oiktírmōn*, full of pity and compassion for the ills of others;<sup>1</sup>

**Forgiveness** - **χαρίζομαι** *charízomai*; To show someone a favor, be kind to. To give or bestow a thing willingly. The most common meaning peculiar to the NT is to pardon, to graciously remit a person’s sin<sup>1</sup>

### Bible Study: Ephesians 4:26-27, 31-32, 5:1-3

1. When someone does something wrong to you what is your most natural response? Read Romans 12:17-21. Discuss what it means when God says: “It is mine to avenge, I will repay.”
2. Is it wrong to want God to take revenge on someone who has wronged you? Why or why not?
3. Discuss some obstacles that prevent people from forgiving each other. Does forgiveness cost anything to the person it is being offered to or does it cost something to the person offering it? Explain.
4. How do the offender and the forgiver both benefit from forgiveness? In what ways do each of them benefit?

<sup>1</sup> Zodhiates, S. (2000). *The complete word study dictionary: New Testament*. Chattanooga, TN: AMG Publishers.

<sup>2</sup> Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). *Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains*. New York: United Bible Societies.

5. Pastor Brent said in his sermon: "Forgiveness is both an event and a process." What do you think he meant by this phrase? Discuss how it is either true or not true for your own life.
6. Is it right for a Christian to judge someone else for the sin in their life? Explain. What do you think most people outside the church think about Christians and their judgments?
7. What is a proper and improper way to confront someone's sin in their life? What role does relationship have in this confrontation?
8. If you are confronting someone about their sin how can you guard yourself against a holier-than-thou attitude?
9. What are some ways you can practice forgiveness this week?

**"Forgiveness" Matthew West**

It's the hardest thing to give away  
 And the last thing on your mind today  
 It always goes to those that don't deserve  
 It's the opposite of how you feel  
 When the pain they caused is just too real  
 It takes everything you have just to say the word...  
 Forgiveness  
 Forgiveness  
 It flies in the face of all your pride  
 It moves away the mad inside  
 It's always anger's own worst enemy  
 Even when the jury and the judge  
 Say you gotta right to hold a grudge  
 It's the whisper in your ear saying 'Set It Free'  
 Forgiveness, Forgiveness  
 Forgiveness, Forgiveness  
 Show me how to love the unlovable  
 Show me how to reach the unreachable  
 Help me now to do the impossible  
 Forgiveness, Forgiveness  
 Help me now to do the impossible  
 Forgiveness  
 It'll clear the bitterness away  
 It can even set a prisoner free  
 There is no end to what it's power can do  
 So, let it go and be amazed  
 By what you see through eyes of grace  
 The prisoner that it really frees is you  
 Forgiveness, Forgiveness  
 Forgiveness, Forgiveness  
 I want to finally set it free  
 So show me how to see what Your mercy sees  
 Help me now to give what You gave to me  
 Forgiveness, Forgiveness