



“Creating Harmony in Your Christmas Gathering”

**Ephesians 4:25-32**

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12/17/2023—Christmas Eve Service

1. Speak the truth. **vs. 25**
2. Move on from anger. **vs. 26-27**
3. Share with the needy. **vs. 28**
4. Use your words to build up and encourage others. **vs. 29**
  - a. Don't talk too much. Hold your tongue. **Proverbs 10:19, 13:3, 21:23, 29:20**
  - b. Never use your words to hurt people. **Proverbs 11:9**
  - c. Think before you speak. **Proverbs 15:28**
  - d. Actively seek opportunities to truly help people with your words.  
**Proverbs 10:31, 12:18, 12:25, 15:4, 25:11**
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5. Rid your heart of sinful attitudes. **vs. 31**

**Six Holiday Pests**

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- b. Wrath: Instead of displaying the patience of the Holy Spirit, we lose our temper, and display hot anger in our words and actions.
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- d. Clamor: Instead of a kind and gentle response, we respond with shouting or yelling.
- e. Slander: Instead of using our words to build someone up and encourage them, we say negative hurtful words to them or about them.
- f. Malice: Instead of praying for the person, and being committed to blessing them, our anger and unforgiveness drive us to hurtful words and actions.

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