

## “Traits of a Real Christian”

Ephesians 4:30–32

### Traits of a real Christian:

1. You are not a \_\_\_\_\_. People can \_\_\_\_\_ what you say.

(Eph. 3:16; 4:21,24,25)

2. You don't mix \_\_\_\_\_ with your \_\_\_\_\_.

(Eph. 4:26,27)

3. You are a \_\_\_\_\_, not a \_\_\_\_\_.

(Eph. 4:28; Lev. 6:1–7)

4. You \_\_\_\_\_ people up with words; you don't

\_\_\_\_\_ them down.

(Eph. 4:29)

5. You fill your heart with \_\_\_\_\_, not

\_\_\_\_\_, toward others.

(Eph. 4:30–32)

## Discussion Questions

1. Off the “top of your head,” what are three character traits that people in general expect to see in a Christian?
2. Do you think it is easier or harder to tell who is a Christian today than it was in Jesus's day? Why do you think this?
3. Review and discuss the five character traits of a Christian mentioned in the sermon. Which one do you feel is the hardest one to achieve? Why?
4. Give an example from your own life of someone who either built you up using words, or tore you down. How did those words affect you? Now read Jesus's caution in Mt. 18:6 and comment on what Jesus said.
5. As one looks at America's current political climate, it is easy to see how divisive and destructive it can be when we do NOT follow God's standards for the use of our words. How can Christians use their words to improve the current political climate, rather than adding to its divisiveness?
6. Read what Jesus says about our words in Mt. 12:36,37. What does this passage teach about the importance of what we say?
7. If you are harboring bitterness in your heart toward someone, privately confess this to God as sin and ask Him to fill your heart with His love for that person.



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