

“The Cure”

1 Peter 2:1-3

Five character traits that have _____ in your life:

1. Malice — the desire to _____ another
(1 Pet. 2:1; Mt. 12:34)
2. Guile — to _____ with ____ intent
3. Hypocrisy — _____ to be what you are not
4. Envy — _____ over the _____ of others
(Rom. 12:15)
5. Slander — saying _____ things in order to _____ someone's reputation

The cure:

Grow _____ by _____ on what makes you spiritually healthy.
(1 Pet. 2:2,3)

Discussion Questions

1. Describe a time you got in trouble as a child for something you said. What was your punishment?
2. Quickly review the five negative character traits and their definitions on your sermon outline. Why do you think God (through the apostle Peter) picks these five specific traits to address?
3. Which of these five negative character traits do you feel is the worst? Which one do you personally struggle with the most? How are you handling that struggle?
4. Read Rom. 12:15. Which of the five negative character traits in 1 Peter 2:1 does this verse speak to? Using a real life example, describe how applying Rom. 12:15 could help eradicate envy in your heart.
5. The cure for these negative character traits is “feeding” on spiritual food. What does that look like in your life? What method of “feeding” on spiritual food have you found to be the most helpful for you personally? What have you found to be the least helpful?
6. What are some of the practical steps you have taken to help keep you moving “in the direction of perfection”?
7. Describe what the world might look like if these five negative character traits no longer existed.



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