

## Address the Mess

### 1. Address the mess. 1 Peter 2:1

- a. Malice
  - i. Ill-will\_towards people.
  - ii. “Whose failure would I secretly celebrate?”
- b. Deceit
  - i. All dishonesty NOT just lying.
  - ii. Implying that we are better than we are.
- c. Hypocrisy
  - i. Saying one thing and doing another.
  - ii. Playing the part.
- d. Envy
  - i. Discontentment with what we have.
  - ii. I wish I had a \_\_\_\_\_.
- e. Slander—
  - i. Making false and damaging statements about someone.
  - ii. Bad-mouthing.

The mess I need to address is \_\_\_\_\_.

## 2. Attack the mess.

- a. Confess the mess. 1 John 1:9
  - i. We cannot make a general confession.
  - ii. We have to admit the exact offense.
- b. Clean the mess
  - i. Cleaning Agent—the Holy Spirit. John 16:7-15
  - ii. His Cleaner is the Word of God. 1 Peter 2:2; Eph. 6:17
- c. Stop making the same mess.
  - i. Replace the messy action with an opposite action.

If it is...	I will...
Malice	Do nice things
Deceit	Tell the truth
Hypocrisy	Do what you say
Envy	Express thanks
Slander	Offer compliment

- d. Get some help with the mess. James 5:16
  - i. Talk to a trusted friend.
  - ii. Have the friend ask specific questions.
    1. How many times did you...
    2. When are you most tempted to do it?
    3. Are you lying?

The step I need to take to clean my mess is\_\_\_\_\_.