





HANDLING HARD WORDS

REVILINGS AND REBUKES IN THE MODERN WORLD





λοιδορέω
loidoreō

revile

“to speak in a highly insulting manner, to slander, to insult strongly ...” (Louw, Johannes, and Nida. Greek-English lexicon)

1 Peter 2:23

GUILTY BY ASSOCIATION

persecute

Matt 5:11

oppose

Acts 18:6

curse

Matt 15:4

revile

slander

1 Peter 3:16

speak evil

Acts 23:5

spurn

Luke 6:22

WHAT MAKES IT REVILING?

Destructive
Motivated by Hatred
Unnecessary
Based on Truth or Lies
Easy for the Giver
Challenging for the Hearer
Sharp and Direct

HANDLING THE WORLD'S REVILING

The World Hates You

John 15:18-21; 17:14-15

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Our Response: Blessing

1 Peter 3:8-16; 1 Corinthians 4:11-13

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The world's hatred doesn't
always mean you're on the
right track

1 Peter 3:17; 2:19-20

HANDLING REVILING FROM WITHIN

Reviling Will Not Be Tolerated

1 Corinthians 5:11; 6:9-10

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Where is Your Heart?

Matthew 15:18-20

HANDLING REVILING FROM WITHIN

Have your standards
for reviling words been
skewed by the world?

James 3:8-12



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oneidizō

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rebuke

“To find justifiable fault with someone, reproach, reprimand”

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Mark 16:14



ἐπιτιμάω
epitimaō

rebuke

*“to express strong disapproval
of someone, to rebuke,
to denounce.”* (Louw, Johannes, and Nida. Greek-English lexicon)

2 Timothy 4:2

REBUKE vs. REVILE

Constructive ~~Destructive~~

Motivated by Love ~~Hatred~~

Necessary ~~Unnecessary~~

Based on Truth ~~or Lies~~

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GOOD AT RECEIVING REBUKE?

There's Value in Feedback

Proverbs 25:11-12; 27:5-6



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Open Ears, Open Heart,
Closed Mouth

James 1:19-21

GOOD AT RECEIVING REBUKE?

Assume the giver is acting
out of love rather than
out of hatred

Philippians 2:1-4; Luke 11:45

GOOD AT DELIVERING REBUKE?

Requirements for Rebuke

Right Message

Right Time

Right Person

Right Way

Right Reason

1 Timothy 5:20; Mark 8:32-33

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Keep Forgiveness Close By

Luke 17:1-4

GOOD AT DELIVERING REBUKE?

Rebuke can quickly
become a revile if we're
not careful

Acts 23:1-5