

## Enemies of Christmas:

### Anger: UoweME

*Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.  
Ephesians 4:31 (NIV)*

*Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave  
you.  
Ephesians 4:32 (NIV)*

*“Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his  
servants. <sup>24</sup> As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was  
brought to him. <sup>25</sup> Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his  
children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.*

*<sup>26</sup> “At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will  
pay back everything.’ <sup>27</sup> The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.  
Matthew 18:23-27 (NIV)*

*But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred  
silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he  
demanded.*

*<sup>29</sup> “His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it  
back.’*

*<sup>30</sup> “But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay  
the debt. <sup>31</sup> When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and  
told their master everything that had happened.*

*<sup>32</sup> “Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt  
of yours because you begged me to. <sup>33</sup> Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant  
just as I had on you?’ <sup>34</sup> In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until  
he should pay back all he owed.  
Matthew 18:28-34 (NIV)*

*“This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister  
from your heart.”  
Matthew 18:35 (NIV)*

### HOW CAN I PRACTICALLY FORGIVE?

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