

*“Fighting for Your Family -
How to Use the Tools to Build a Strong Relationship
When It’s an Uphill Battle” Message Series*

“The Family Under Fire”

Ephesians 4:17-14 (page 949)

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1. Get rid of the _____
of insisting on having things _____.

“So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking.”

Ephesians 4:17

“They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. ¹⁹ Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed.”

Ephesians 4:18-19

“You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires.”

Ephesians 4:22

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”

2 Corinthians 5:17

2. Live into a _____,
one surrendered to the _____.

“That, however, is not the way of life you learned ²¹ when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus.”

Ephesians 4:20-21

“To be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.”

Ephesians 4:23-24

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

Romans 12:2

Key Question:

Will you insist on having things your way or will you surrender to the way of Christ?

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