

"Fighting with My Family"
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God's Big Idea: Healthy families FIGHT FAIR.

- 1) Pick your **BATTLES**.
 - There's a big difference between **AVOIDING** conflict and **PREVENTING** it.
 - Prioritize the MARRIAGE RELATIONSHIP. (Matthew 19:4-6 and Ephesians 5:21-27)
 - Husbands <u>LOVE/RESPECT</u> their wives through <u>SACRIFICE</u>.
 - Wives <u>RESPECTS</u> their husbands through <u>SUBMISSION</u>.
 - Parents <u>TRAIN</u> children through <u>MODELING</u>.

 Parents, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.—Ephesians 6:4
 - Children <u>HONOR</u> parents through <u>CONDUCT</u>.

 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise—"so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.—**Ephesians 6:1-3**

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.—1 Timothy 4:12

2) Practice effective **COMMUNICATION**.

Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to become angry.—James 1:19

- Actual WORDS
- Active **LISTENING**
- 3) Pursue **RESOLUTION**.

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.—Romans 12:18

- Seek and extend FORGIVENESS.
- Care more about RELATIONSHIPS than about being RIGHT.

Continue the Conversation

- 1) What's the biggest fighting "foul" you commit in your family?
- 2) What relationships need the most healing from it?