

# The E.L.F.'S CODE

## Home for the Holidays Part-1

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***Create a home for the Holidays by following the E.L.F.'S. Code...***

**E** **NTERENTAINMENT** is where it's at.

- **ENJOY FOOD**

*"They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts..." (Acts 2:46 NIV)*

- **ACTIVITIES**

*"Meanwhile, the older son was in the fields working. When he returned home, he heard music and dancing in the house..." (Luke 15:25 NLT)*

*"But fortunately God doesn't grade us on our diet. We're neither commended when we clean our plate nor reprimanded when we just can't stomach it. But God does care when you use your freedom carelessly in a way that leads a fellow believer still vulnerable to those old associations to be thrown off track." (1 Corinthians 8:8-9 MSG)*

- **THANKFULNESS**

*"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." (Colossians 3:17 ESV)*

*"Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song. For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods." (Psalm 95:2-3)*

**L** **OVE**

*"Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins. "But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love...We love each other because He loved us first." (1 John 4:8;19 NLT)*

*"This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you." (John 15:12 NLT)*

## **F** ORGIVENESS.

*“Make allowance for each other’s faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. (Colossians 3:13-14 NLT)*

*“Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.” (Ephesians 4:32 NLT)*

## **S** ERVING ONE ANOTHER.

*“God has given each of you a gift from His great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.” (1 Peter 4:10 NLT)*

*“Serve one another humbly in love.” (Galatians 5:13 NIV)*