

The Real Enemy

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KNOW WHO YOU'RE FIGHTING

Ephesians 6:12

“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood...”

HOW DO WE DEAL WITH STRIFE AND KEEP UNITY?

Ephesians 4:3

“Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.”

JESUS CREATED WHAT WE'RE CALLED TO PROTECT.

1. KEEP THE UNITY — Ephesians 4:1–3

The word *worthy* carries the idea of **equal weight, ones calling and conduct should be in balance.**

Therefore, a Christian's conduct concerns both his personal life and his responsibility to other believers in the church.

Then Paul gives us three things necessary for unity:

Ephesians 4:2

“Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.”

HUMILITY — GENTLENESS — PATIENCE

2. BE IMITATORS OF GOD — Ephesians 5:1

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“Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children.”

YOU CAN'T IMITATE SOMEONE YOU DON'T KNOW.

Ephesians 5:8–9

“Live as children of light... for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth.”

GOODNESS — RIGHTEOUSNESS — TRUTH

3. FIND OUT WHAT PLEASES THE LORD

Ephesians 5:10

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Ephesians 5:15–16

“Be very careful, then, how you live... making the most of every opportunity...”

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GIVE THOUGHT TO HOW YOU LIVE.

Pleasing Jesus means laying down what I want.

4. SUBMIT TO ONE ANOTHER

Ephesians 5:21

“Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.”

Wives and husbands — Ephesians 5:22–33

Children and parents — Ephesians 6:1–4

Servants and masters — Ephesians 6:5–9

Philippians 2:3–8

Am I walking in humility or pride?

5. FINALLY... PUT ON THE ARMOR