

What If We Never Argued?

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1 Corinthians 13:4-8, Ephesians 4:25-32

How to Avoid a **FIGHT**...

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

- **What is This Thing Called LOVE?**

- *Phileo*: Garden-Variety Love...

A EMOTION Felt...

- *Eros*: Erotic Love and More...

A PASSION Aroused...

- *Agape*: GIVING Love...

A SACRIFICE Offered

- **Love is a VERB!**
- **Love is OTHER-Directed**
- **Love is Drawn from GOD...**

How to Have a **GOOD** Fight...

- **Isolate the ISSUE... And EXPRESS It**
Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body. "In your anger do not sin" Ephesians 4:25-26a

- **Refuse to STEW...**
"In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry... Ephesians 4:26
- **...But Cage Your RAGE: The ESCALATION Factor**
Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry and do not give the devil a foothold. Ephesians 4:26b-27
- **Watch Your LANGUAGE!**
Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen... Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Ephesians 4:29, 31
- **Remember WHO YOU Are... And WHOSE You Are**
And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:30-32