

A Family is a Place of Conversation

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Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Five Guidelines for Conversations at Home:

²⁵ Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body.

1. Speak the truth.

²⁶ "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷ and do not give the devil a foothold.

2. Surrender your anger.

²⁹ 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.

3. Build each other up.

³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

4. Be quick to forgive.

¹ Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children ² and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

5. Use the "L" word a lot.