

**MODERN FAMILY**  
*God's Wisdom for Today's Families*

**WHAT EVERY FAMILY NEEDS**

Ephesians 4:29-32      Jeff Schreve

*Regarding your former way of life, you were taught to **strip off your old nature**, which is being ruined by its deceptive desires, to be renewed in your mental attitude, and to **clothe yourselves with the new nature**, which was created according to God's image in righteousness and true holiness. Ephesians 4:22-24 ISV*

**Q. What does every family need?**

**A. A godly family culture.**

**1. God wants you to have a culture of encouragement.**

*Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, that it may give grace to those who hear. Ephesians 4:29*

**A. Every person needs encouragement.**

*But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called "Today," lest any one of you be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. Hebrews 3:13*

**B. Be careful to speak words that build up, not tear down.**

**2. God wants you to have a culture of spiritual sensitivity.**

*And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Ephesians 4:30*

**A. Your home needs to be Holy Spirit friendly.**

*You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.*

*James 4:4*

B. Rid your home of anything that offends the Holy Spirit.

**3. God wants you to have a culture of forgiveness.**

*And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you. Ephesians 4:32*

A. Be quick to make wrongs right.

*Be angry, and yet do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not give the devil an opportunity.  
Ephesians 4:26-27*

1. For the offender, humbly seek forgiveness.

2. For the offended, graciously grant forgiveness.

B. Never forget how much you've been forgiven.

**Will you start doing family God's way?**