

## Preparing for the Holidays

II Corinthians 5:16-18 (p. 1122)

Ephesians 4:1-3, 29-5:2(p. 1135)

**I. Introduction** – What do your family gatherings look like?

### II. Strategies for Facing the Holidays in General

#### A. Put Things in P\_\_\_\_\_

1. Anticipate S\_\_\_\_\_ – John 16:33
2. It's o\_\_\_\_ o\_\_\_\_ d\_\_\_\_ – Matthew 6:34
3. Embrace R\_\_\_\_\_ E\_\_\_\_\_ -
4. Put yourself in o\_\_\_\_\_ s\_\_\_\_\_ – Ephesians 4:2
5. Ask yourself – What will they r\_\_\_\_\_? Eph. 5:1-2

#### B. Set Your P\_\_\_\_\_

1. What's the R\_\_\_\_\_ for the S\_\_\_\_\_? Luke 10:41-42
2. Focus on the F\_\_\_\_\_ – Pay attention/Listen  
Your family needs your \_\_\_\_\_ence more than their  
\_\_\_\_\_sents.
3. Focus on P\_\_\_\_\_ over presents and plans – Eph. 4:32  
Gal. 6:10

### III. Strategies for Facing the Family

#### A. Prepare Your S\_\_\_\_\_ - P\_\_\_\_\_

I Peter 3:8-9

#### B. Prepare Your H\_\_\_\_\_ - Know Y\_\_\_\_\_

1. Know your b\_\_\_\_\_ - Get rid of b\_\_\_\_\_ – Eph. 4:31
2. Know your y\_\_\_\_\_ – your limits
3. Know your b\_\_\_\_\_ – Colossians 2:4, 6-8

#### C. Prepare Your S\_\_\_\_\_ – Eph. 4:29; Romans 12:18

Only what b\_\_\_\_\_ up –

Only what b\_\_\_\_\_ the hearer

Be a p\_\_\_\_\_maker – Romans 12:18

### IV. Conclusion - Keep the Main Thing the Main Thing

Luke 10:38-42; Ephesians 5:1-2

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