

In Christ: Fighting Worthy  
Ephesians 4:17 - 5:2

Our Reasons for Fighting Worthy:

- It is who we are - Eph 4:24; Col 3:17
- We don't want to grieve the Holy Spirit - Eph 4:30
- We don't want to give the devil any opportunity - Eph 4:27
- We are members of one another in God's family - Eph 4:25; Phil 2:3
- Our battle is not with flesh and blood - Eph 6:12; II Cor 10:3,4

As Those Joined to Christ...

- We "put off" all expressions of self-focused, fear-motivated life - Eph 4:22; Col 3:8,9
- We "put on" every expression of Christ-focused, love-motivated life - Eph 4:24; Col 3:10

Dressing for a Holy and Righteous Fight - Eph 4:24

PUT OFF

The objective to control, rule, "win" - Phil 2:3,4

- analyze through self-interest - Eph 4:17-18
- activate power struggles - Eph 4:26,31

The weapons of the flesh - Ro 8:6-8

- examples: Eph 4:22,25-32
- sow seeds of death - Ga 6:6-8

The right to be right - Ro 14:1-23

- If I must get carnal to prove I'm right,  
It's better to be wronged - I Cor 6:7

Judgment with a view to put down - Matt 7:1-6

- seeing "with" Jo 7:24

PUT ON

The objective to love - Eph 5:2

- analyze through life for others - Eph 5:1,2
- activates the fruit of the Spirit - Ga 5:22-23

The weapons of the Spirit - Ro 8:14

- examples: Eph 4:24,25-32
- sow seeds of life - Ga 6:6-8

The right to serve, to bless - Heb 7:7,25

- The objective is not to win over the foe, but  
to win the foe - Matt 18:15

Judgment with a view to build up - Eph 4:29; Ro 14:19

- seeing "through" - Jo 7:24; II Cor 12:19; 13:10

(Don't forget - Calvary was a holy fight!)