



CONFLICT RESOLUTION: Rightly Handling Conflict

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March 8th, 2025 - Acts 15:22-41

ONE // In conflict resolution: **we must approach one another with humility and love.**

We must approach conflict with a heart of humility, recognizing our own imperfections, and act out of love and respect for one another. (*Matthew 7:3-5; Romans 12:10; Ephesians 4:2-3; Philippians 2:3-4; Colossians 3:12-14; 1 Peter 3:8-9*)

TWO // In conflict resolution: **we must pursue reconciliation, not revenge.**

The goal is not to get back at the person – but to restore the relationship. Reconciliation should always take precedence over retaliation. (*Matthew 5:38-39; Matthew 18:15; Romans 12:17-19; Romans 14:19; 2 Corinthians 5:18-19; 1 Peter 3:9*)

THREE // In conflict resolution: **we must forgive freely and generously.**

Just as God has forgiven us, we should forgive others with no strings attached, offering grace and letting go of grudges. (*Matthew 7:3-5; Romans 12:10; Ephesians 4:2-3; Philippians 2:3-4; Colossians 3:12-14; 1 Peter 3:8-9*)

FOUR // In conflict resolution: **we must speak the truth in love.**

Be honest and direct about the issue at hand, but always do so with kindness and a heart to build up, not to tear down. (*Proverbs 15:1, 16:24, 27:5-6; Matthew 18:15; Ephesians 4:15; Colossians 4:6; James 1:19-20*)

FIVE // In conflict resolution: **we must guard against gossip and slander.**

Instead of talking to others about the issue, go directly to the person involved and maintain confidentiality to preserve unity. (*Proverbs 16:28, 20:19, 26:20-22; Ephesians 4:29; James 4:11; 1 Peter 2:1; Titus 3:2*)



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SIX // In conflict resolution: **we must seek peace and pursue unity.**

Strive for peace in all situations, prioritizing unity within the body of Christ over personal preferences or differences. (*Psalm 34:14; Proverbs 12:20; Matthew 5:9; Romans 14:19; Ephesians 4:3; Colossians 3:14; Philippians 2:2; James 3:18; 1 Peter 14:19*)

SEVEN // In conflict resolution: **we must restore gently and graciously.**

When restoring someone who has fallen, do so with a spirit of gentleness and grace, aiming to help them grow rather than to condemn. (*2 Corinthians 2:7-8, 5:18-19; Galatians 6:1; Ephesians 4:32; 1 Peter 4:8*)

EIGHT // In conflict resolution: **we must trust in God's timing and wisdom.**

Trust that God is in control and will guide you through the situation, allowing His wisdom and timing to lead the way. (*Proverbs 3:5-6, 16:9; Isaiah 55:8-9; Philippians 4:6-7; James 1:5, 19-20*)

A PRAYER

Lord, help us to approach one another with humility, love, and grace, seeking reconciliation rather than revenge. Guide us to forgive freely, speak the truth in love, and pursue peace and unity in all things. May we trust in Your wisdom and timing, allowing You to lead us toward healing and restoration in our relationships.

Amen