

Responding to the Chaos

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*"I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect **unity** that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me."* (John 17:23, NLT)

5 STEPS FOR RESPONDING TO CHAOS

1. **LOOK** to God.

"But if any of you lack wisdom, you should pray to God, who will give it to you; because God gives generously and graciously to all." (James 1:5, GNB)

"Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and he will give you everything you need." (Luke 12:31, NLT)

2. **LOSE** the righteous attitude.

"What are you so puffed up about? What do you have that God hasn't given you? And if all you have is from God, why act as though you are so great, and as though you have accomplished something on your own?" (1 Corinthians 4:7, The Living Bible)

"A wise, mature person is known for his understanding. The more pleasant his words, the more persuasive he is." (Proverbs 16:21, GNB)

3. **LISTEN** more than you talk.

"Answering before listening is both stupid and rude." (Proverbs 18:13, The Message)

"Intelligent people think before they speak; what they say is then more persuasive." (Proverbs 16:23, GNB)

4. **LOOK** for the root beneath the rub.

"Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience." (Colossians 3:12, NLT)

"Dear brothers, warn those who are lazy, comfort those who are frightened, take tender care of those who are weak, and be patient with everyone." (1 Thessalonians 5:14, The Living Bible)

5. **LEARN** about the issues that are raised.

*“You who are uneducated, seek wisdom. You who are foolish, get understanding.”
(Proverbs 8:5, NCV)*

“Work hard so God can say to you, “Well done.” Be a good workman, one who does not need to be ashamed when God examines your work. Know what his Word says and means.” (2 Timothy 2:15, The Living Bible)

ACTION:

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Memorize John 17:23