

RESOLVING *everyday* CONFLICT

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Biblical Conflict Resolution – Becoming a “G” Wiz

I. G1: GO HIGHER



A. Focus on God - “...whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.” 1 Cor. 10:31

“To live for ‘the glory of God’ means you bring attention to, display, and reveal His greatness.”

Resolving everyday Conflict by Ken Sande & Keven Johnson, pg. 48

B. Three Ways to Glorify God

1. Trust
2. Obey
3. Imitate

C. Overlook OR Look it Over

1. Overlook – You choose not to keep score, brood, recapitulate, talk about
2. Look it Over – You shouldn’t let it go if:
 - Damaging to the relationship you have with that person;
 - Hurts others;
 - Hurts the offender;
 - Significantly dishonors God. Resolving everyday Conflict by Ken Sande & Keven Johnson, pg. 55

II. G2: GET REAL

³“And why worry about a speck in your friend’s eye when you have a log in your own? ⁴How can you think of saying to your friend, ‘Let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,’ when you can’t see past the log in your own eye?”

⁵Hypocrite! First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend’s eye.

Matthew 7:3-5

A. Toxic Bad Confessions

- I’m sorry *if* I hurt you.
- Let’s just forget it and go back to being friends / sisters / ??
- I guess it’s not all your fault.

B. The 7 A's of a Good Confession

1. Address
2. Avoid
3. Admit
4. Acknowledge
5. Accept
6. Alter
7. Ask

G1: Go Higher

1. Do you find it difficult to trust God when you are in conflict? Why?
2. How would your feelings, attitudes, or behavior change if you were able to start seeing conflict as an opportunity to trust, obey and imitate God?

If you are presently in a conflict:

3. What are some questions, doubts, or fears that you have in your present conflict?
4. If someone has offended you, what are the pros and cons of simply overlooking that offense? Which choice do you think you would be happiest about when you look back on this situation a year from now?
5. Read Psalms 37 and 73. What do these psalms say you *should not do* in this conflict? What do they say you *should do*?

G2: Get Real

1. Why is it so hard for us to admit our part in causing a conflict?
2. Which of the Seven A's do you struggle with the most when you know you need to admit you've been wrong?

If you are presently in a conflict:

3. Can you identify any of your own attitudes, words, or actions that have made the conflict worse? Are any of them sinful?
4. Using the Seven A's as a model, write a confession.
5. How do you want to change as a result of this conflict? Pick out one character quality you wish to grow in and decide on one step you will take to practice that quality.
6. Pray that god would help you see your own sin clearly and confess it honestly and completely.