

Resolving Conflict

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Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy. See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.

Hebrews 12:14a-15 NIV

5 Steps to Resolving Conflict . . .

1. Take the initiative.

God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.

2 Timothy 1:7 NLT

"If another believer sins against you, go privately and point out the offense. If the other person listens and confesses it, you have won that person back."

Matthew 18:15 NLT

2. Admit my part of the conflict.

"Why do you notice the little piece of dust in your friend's eye, but you don't notice the big piece of wood in your own eye? First, take the wood out of your own eye. Then you will see clearly to take the dust out of your friend's eye."

Matthew 7:3,5b NCV

Be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.

James 1:19b NLT

3. Consider their perspective.

We must bear the "burden" of being considerate of the doubts and fears of others . . .

Romans 15:1b TLB

Not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus.

Philippians 2:4-5 NIV

4. Tell the truth tactfully.

Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

Proverbs 12:18 NIV

Do not use harmful words, but only helpful words, the kind that build up and provide what is needed.

Ephesians 4:29a GNT

5. Focus on reconciliation.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

Matthew 5:9 NIV

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

Romans 12:18 NIV

Weekend Music:

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 How Great is Our God (Chris Tomlin)