

## Great News for Families Pt. 3 "Life Notes"

**Ephesians 4:31-32** "Put out of your life all these things: bad feelings about other people, anger, temper, loud talk, bad talk which hurts other people, and bad feelings which hurt other people. <sup>32</sup>You must be kind to each other. Think of the other person. Forgive other people just as God forgave you because of Christ's death on the cross.

### Resolving Conflict in the Family

**Ephesians 4:1** "Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."

#### Preconditions to Resolving Conflict:

√ **Value the person above the issues.**

**1 Peter 4:8** "Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins."

√ **Concentrate on finding solutions rather winning arguments.**

**James 3:17** "But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure and full of quiet gentleness. Then it is peace-loving and courteous. It allows discussion and is willing to yield to others; it is full of mercy and good deeds. It is wholehearted and straightforward and sincere.

#### Resolving Conflict:

**1. Listen first.**

**Proverbs 18:13** "To answer before listening— that is folly and shame."

**2. Identify and understand the issue(s).**

**Proverbs 18:2** "Fools have no interest in understanding; they only want to air their own opinions."

**3. Use your words graciously.**

**Colossians 4:6** "Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person."

**Proverbs 16:23** "The hearts of the wise make their mouths prudent, and their lips promote instruction."

**If you really want to resolve conflict in your home, then, work harder on changing yourself to become more like Christ instead of changing your family members to become more like you.**