How To Avoid Unnecessary Conflict: John 7:1-34

Introduction:

- 1. Conflict is <u>inevitable!</u>
- Conflict will produce constructive or destructive consequences to relationships depending on how we <u>respond</u> to it. (For more information and teaching on this subject visit <u>www.calvarydelran.com</u> and search for "Resolving Conflict" in the Joshua Series in the archived teachings section.)
- 3. Some conflict is <u>unnecessary</u> and can be avoided.

7 Practices To Avoid Unnecessary Conflict

- 1. Seek to please <u>God</u> rather than <u>yourself</u>. VS 17-18 James 4:1-2a Philippians 2:3-4
- 2. Seek the best <u>time</u> to communicate. VS 6-8 Proverbs 15:23 James 1:19-20
- Seek <u>more information before making judgements</u>. VS 24 Proverbs 18:13 Proverbs 23:12
- 4. Humbly <u>acknowledge</u> the truth others share. VS 28a Proverbs 15:1

Proverbs 25:11

5. Speak the truth in a loving, self-revealing way. VS 28b-29 Ephesians 4:15

Proverbs 12:14

Proverbs 13:3

6. Trust in God's sovereign care and control. VS 30-31 Romans 8:28

Psalm 46:1-2

7. Separate from those who reject you while continuing to love them. VS 1, 33-34 Titus 3:10 Conclusion: You <u>can</u> avoid unnecessary conflict!