

QUESTIONS... RESOLVING CONFLICT

6-14-15

Romans 12:17-18 - *Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.*

THE DAMAGE OF UNRESOLVED CONFLICT:

1. IT _____ **MY FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD.**

Matthew 22:37-39 - *Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'*

2. IT HINDERS MY _____.

1 Peter 3:7 - *Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.*

BIBLICAL STEPS TO RESOLVING CONFLICT:

1. _____ **THE INITIATIVE.**

- *The only way to resolve conflict is to face it.*

➤ *What stops you from facing conflict?* _____

2 Timothy 1:7 - *For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.*

Things to keep in mind:

Right timing.

Matthew 5:23-24 - *"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you,²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift.*

Right place.

Right attitude covered in prayer.

2. _____ **MY PART OF THE CONFLICT.**

Matthew 7:3-4 - *"Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?⁴ How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye?*

3. _____ **FOR THE HURT.**

James 1:19 - *My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry,*

4. _____ **THEIR PERSPECTIVE.**

Philippians 2:4-5 - *Each of you should **look** not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.⁵ Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:*

5. **TELL THE _____ TACTFULLY.**

Proverbs 12:18 - *Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.*

Ephesians 4:29 - *Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.*

6. _____ **THE PROBLEM, NOT THE BLAME.**

Colossians 3:8 - *But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.*

Romans 14:13 - *Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in your brother's way.*

7. _____ **ON RECONCILIATION, NOT RESOLUTION.**

“Reconciliation” = to reestablish the relationship

“Resolution” = to resolve every issue

If you learn to disagree without being disagreeable, that's called wisdom. If you learn that you can have unity without uniformity, that's called wisdom. If you learn to walk hand in hand without having to see eye to eye, that's called wisdom.

Matthew 5:9 - *Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.*

Next week: Setting Boundaries in Your Relationships