

Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 for a heart check or Proverbs 3:5-6 for 3 things we can do and the Lord's result. Have any scriptures come to your mind when discussing the conflict issue? Share these with your group.

Thankfully the Word gives us instruction for parent and children conflicts, but these principles can also apply to any conflict

Read the following passages and look for themes of dealing with conflict.

\*Exodus 20:12

\*Colossians 3:20 and 4:6

\*James 1:9

\*Ephesians 6:1-4

\*Deut 11:19

\*Proverbs 22:6

Think of some areas of day to day conflict that you feel need resolved at home or at work. What part do you play in this conflict? Is there something you can do to "flip the script" on these conflicts?

What can you actively do in the coming weeks to diffuse conflict in your home or work?

Pray for the Lord to lead you in bringing peace and becoming a peacemaker. Matthew 5:9

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***The Chaos of Conflict***

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Ephesians 4:25 - 32

**Seek to Speak the Empowering Truth.**

Ephesians 4:15

**Deal With Your Anger.**

Proverbs 19:11 Ecclesiastes 7:9

**Be the Giver, not the Taker.**

Colossians 4:6

As we gather together for the holidays or as things get hectic and busy we may encounter conflict or witness the effects of conflict. So how can we keep conflicts and chaos down to a minimum or diffuse them? What is expected of us as followers of Christ?

Today's sermon came from Ephesians 4 and addressed Christians seeking "to speak truth with love" (verse 15).

What do you think this phrases means to you?

In what ways can this be a difficult task for all parties in conflict?

Read Philippians 2:3-7.

What are the keys you find in this passages this can help when handling conflict?

Have you had a situation where the tool described in Philippians diffused conflict? If so, share it with your group. What did you learn from this experience? How did it make you feel?

Have you ever noticed in a conflict that sometimes the "issue" is not really the issue at all?

Read James 4:1-2

James is rebuking the many factions among the Jews.

What is the root of their conflicts according to James?

In what ways can you relate to the point James in making?

What is the solution according to James?

Many times Conflict is a tell-tale sign of some spiritual work that needs to be done. Is self on the throne? Are we relying on God and putting our full trust in Him?

Read the following Scriptures:

Exodus 14:14, Romans 8:5-6 and Romans 12:1-2 ?

If you were counseling someone who was having some difficult conflict, what advice or observations would you give them from these scriptures?

Of course one of the main issues that all of us deal with that contributes many times to conflict is pride. It's difficult to be humble when we want to be right.

Read 1 Peter 5:5-6 and Ephesians 4:1-3.

What do these verses require of us?

Why can this be so difficult for us in a conflict?

Conflict can come down to who we are trying to please.

We must realize that we have a responsibility when it comes to conflict. That responsibility is to be willing to bring it to resolve.

Read Romans 12:18 and Matthew 5:23-24

What do these scriptures says about our responsibility in relationships?

What would happen in our churches, our families, our nation if people would own up to their responsibility?