

“Biblical Conflict Resolution”

Part 2

Romans 12:16-18 NLT

Live in harmony with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all! Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.

1 John 4:20 NLT

If someone says, "I love God," but hates a Christian brother or sister, that person is a liar; for if we don't love people we can see, how can we love God, whom we cannot see?

Take the initiative. The only way to resolve a conflict is to face the conflict.

It's **always** your move.

Matthew 5:23-24 NLT

“So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, leave your sacrifice there at the altar. **Go and be reconciled** to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God.

Plan a sit down meeting.

Carefully select the right time.

Carefully select the right place.

Invest time in prayer before the meeting.

Come to the meeting with the attitude of Christ Jesus.

Confess my part of the conflict.

James 5:16 NLT

Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

Matthew 7:3,5 NCV

“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.

Am I being unrealistic?

Am I being ungrateful?

Am I being insensitive?

Am I being oversensitive?

Am I being too demanding?

Incompatibility is a feel good word for **immaturity**.

Listen for the Hurt.

James 1:19 NLT

Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.

Romans 15:1-2 TLB

We must be considerate of the doubts and fears of others—of those who feel these things are wrong. Let’s please the other fellow, not ourselves, and do what is for his good and thus build him up in the Lord.

Consider their perspective.

Philippians 2:3-5 NIV

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 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

Chesed – Loving Kindness

Psalm 139:3 NLT

You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do.

Tell the truth tactfully.

Ephesians 4:5 NLT

Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.

Proverbs 12:18 NIV

The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

Ephesians 4:29 NLT

Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.

Fix the problem, not the blame.

Colossians 3:8 NIV

You must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.

Romans 14:13 NIV

Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind

Focus on reconciliation, not resolution.

Reconciliation means to reestablish the relationship.

Resolution means to resolve every issue.

Matthew 5:9 NIV

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

It's always more rewarding to resolve the conflict than dissolve the relationship.

1 Timothy 2:5 NLT

There is one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity—the man Christ Jesus.

2 Corinthians 5:18 NIV

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.