



CONFLICT RESOLUTION – Part A
How To Get Along With Everyone Series – Pt 6
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“Never pay back evil for evil to anyone... As much as possible, as far as it depends on you, live in peace with everyone.” Romans 12:17-18 NLT

THE DAMAGE OF UNRESOLVED CONFLICT

A. CONFLICT BLOCKS MY FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

“Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen.” 1 John 4:20 NIV

B. CONFLICT BLOCKS MY PRAYERS

“You husbands must give honor to your wives. Treat your wife with understanding as you live together . . . so your prayers will not be hindered.” 1 Peter 3:7 NLT

“If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.” Matthew 6:14-15, NLT

C. CONFLICT HINDERS MY HAPPINESS!

“You are only hurting yourself with your anger. Will the earth be deserted because you are angry? Will God move mountains to satisfy you?” Job 18:4, GNT

7 BIBLICAL STEPS TO RESOLVING CONFLICT

1. TAKE THE INITIATIVE

“I heard you in the garden; and I was afraid because I was naked, and so I hid.” Genesis 3:10 NIV

“God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but a spirit of power and love and self-discipline.” 2 Timothy 1:7 NLT

“So if you are about to offer your gift to God at the altar and there you remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar, go at once and make peace with your brother, and then come back and offer your gift to God.” Matthew 5:23-24 GNT

Reconciliation takes priority over Worship

2. CONFESS MY PART OF THE CONFLICT

“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.” Matthew 7:3,5 NCV

“Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that you may be healed.” James 5:16 KJV

“People who conceal their sins will not prosper, but if they confess and turn from them, they will receive mercy.” Proverbs 28:13 NLT

“Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, “I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!” Jesus responded, “Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham.” Luke 19:8-9 NLT

“No one is respected unless are they humble; arrogant people are on the way to ruin” Proverbs 18:12 GN

“God gives grace generously. As the Scriptures say, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble”” James 4:6 NLT

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