



CONFLICT RESOLUTION Pt B
How To Get Along With Everyone – Part 7
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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

“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

PART 2

3. LISTEN FOR THE HURT

“Be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.” James 1:19 (NLT)

“We must be considerate of the doubts and fears of others. Let’s please the other fellow, not ourselves, and do what is for his good and thus build him up in the Lord.” Romans 15:2 (LB)

4. CONSIDER THEIR VIEWPOINT

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

5. TELL THE TRUTH TACTFULLY

“Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.” Proverbs 12:18 (NIV)

“Do not use harmful words, but only helpful words, the kind that build up and provide what is needed” Ephesians 4:29 (GN)

6. FIX THE PROBLEM, DON’T FOCUS ON BLAMING!

“You must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.” Colossians 3:8, NIV

“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.” Romans 14:13 (NIV)

7. FOCUS ON RECONCILIATION, NOT RESOLUTION

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God!” Matthew 5:9 (NIV)

“There is only one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and people. He is Christ Jesus!” 1 Timothy 2:5 (NLT)