

THE CONFLICT RESOLUTION BIBLE STUDY

1. There are many conflicts in life. The Bible gives instruction about how to deal with conflicts and bring about resolution. First we will consider what our attitude and actions toward conflict should be.
 - a. According to Proverbs 17:14 what should be our attitude if things look like they are heading for conflict? _____
What is starting a quarrel like? _____
 - b. According to Proverbs 20:3 what is man's honor? _____
What does a fool do? _____
 - c. According to Proverbs 26:17 what should be avoided? _____

What were the results of a time when you got involved in a quarrel that was not your own? _____
 - d. According to Philippians 2:3 what must our attitude be if we are going to stay out of conflict? _____
 - e. According to 2 Timothy 2:14 what should we do for other people to help them avoid unnecessary conflict? _____
 - f. According to 2 Timothy 2:24 what characteristics do we need if we are not going to be a person who easily gets into quarrels? _____

 - g. According to James 1:19 what are three things we need to do so as to not jump into conflict? _____

2. Next we want to consider what Jesus desires regarding conflict.
 - a. According to 1 Corinthians 1:10 what should we strive to do? _____

 - b. According to 2 Corinthians 5:18 what did Jesus give that will help us resolve conflict? _____
What do you think this means? _____

 - c. According to Ephesians 2:16 what is the means of reconciliation? _____

 - d. According to Ephesians 4:13 what are three things that must be our goal if we are going to resolve conflict? _____

 - e. According to Philippians 1:27-28 how must we conduct ourselves in order to not give in to conflicts around us? _____

3. The Bible gives specific instructions about how to resolve conflict.
- a. According to Matthew 5:23-25 what should we do if we have offended someone and we want to approach God while the offense is still going on?

- b. According to Matthew 18:15 who should we go to if someone has offended us? _____
What should we show him when we go to him? _____
According to verse 16 what should we do if the offended party does not want to be reconciled? _____

_____ Why should we take this step? _____
According to verse 17 what are the next two steps to take if he continues to refuse to be reconciled? _____

4. Now look at the ways not to settle a conflict.

- a. According to Proverbs 16:28 what should we **not** do because it separates people? _____
- b. According to Proverbs 25:8 what should we **not** do when we have a conflict over something? _____
Why is this the case? _____
- c. According to 1 Corinthians 6:7 what is an indication that we are defeated? _____
What should we do instead of this? _____
- d. According to 1 Timothy 5:19 what are we forbidden to do? _____

Note: This is referring to an elder of the church, not someone who is older than us.

- e. According to James 4:1-3 what are five reasons that quarrels happen? _____
Who needs to change in order for these reasons for conflict to be removed? _____

5. Finally we will look at some the things we may need to do if people refuse to allow conflict to be resolved.

- a. According to 1 Corinthians 16:17-18 what are we to do toward people who are divisive? _____
What are these types of people truly trying to do? _____
- b. According to 1 Corinthians 5:2 what was commanded to be done with the man who would not repent of his sin? _____
- c. According to 1 Corinthians 5:4-5 what were the people commanded to do to the one who would not repent? _____

- d. According to 1 Corinthians 5:11 what are we told to do about people who claim to be Christians but stir up trouble? _____.