

Home Builder's

Conflict Resolution in the Home

Text: Matthew 18:15-20 | Romans 12:17-18

Intro:

- Conflicts are inevitable in any relationship.
 - The ability to deal with issues and conflicts in a healthy way is key in good relationships.
 - The Bible is full of wisdom that teaches us how to resolve conflict.
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- I. Take initiative. Matthew 18:15-20
 - A. Problems rarely solve themselves.
 - B. Wounds left untreated become infected. Offenses left unresolved fester and lead us into bitterness.
 - II. Own your mistakes. Matthew 7:3-5
 - A. This takes a lot of humility.
 - B. Pride is a relationship destroyer. Proverbs 13:10
 - III. Attack the problem, not the person. Proverbs 15:1-2
 - A. Threats and accusation harden the other person.
 - B. Your spouse, or whoever you have conflict with, is more important than winning.
 - IV. Deal with problems when they are small. Proverbs 17:14
 - A. Deal with one problem at a time.
 - B. Avoid a laundry list of problems.
 - V. Don't allow anger to be in the driver's seat. James 1:19-20 | Ephesians 4:26
 - A. Anger does not accomplish God's plan.
 - B. No one likes to be around an angry person.
 - VI. Be quick to forgive. Colossians 3:13 | Ephesians 4:32 | Matthew 18:21-35
 - A. Forgiveness is like salve, it is healing.

Application:

What conflicts do you need to resolve?

Which ways are these principles difficult for you?