

Topic: Growing Healthy Families – Part 4 of 4
Scripture: Mark 3:25
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HOW TO HANDLE CONFLICT IN YOUR HOME

Mark 3:25 If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand.

I. THE REASON FOR CONFLICT

James 4:1-2 "What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You want something but you don't get it..."

Conflicts come when _____ want something but _____ don't get it!

II. THE REACTIONS TO CONFLICT

Five basic ways we react to conflict...

- _____ way
- _____ way
- _____ way
- _____ way
- _____ way

1 Corinthians 13:5 ...love is not self-seeking...

III. THE RESOLUTION TO CONFLICT

1. Become _____.

1 John 4:7, 12 My dear friends, we must love each other. Love comes from God, and when we love each others, it shows that we have been given new life...if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is truly in our hearts.

Eph. 2:16 (LB) "As parts of the same Body, our anger against each other has disappeared, for both of us have been reconciled to God. And so the feud has ended at the cross."

2. Talk _____ about the conflict.

James 4:2 "You quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God."

3. Analyze _____

Matt. 7:3 (GN) "Why, then, do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, and pay no attention to the log in your own eye? ...Take the log out of your own eye first...."

The first step is _____

The second step is _____

4. Schedule a _____.

Matt. 5:23-24 (GN) "If... you remember your brother has something against you, leave your gift in front of the altar and go at once to make peace with your brother, then come back and offer your gift to God."

- Choose the right _____
- Choose the right _____
- _____ before the meeting

5. Communicate _____.

Prov. 11:29 "The fool who provokes his family to anger and resentment will finally have nothing worthwhile left."
Seven rules for fighting fair!

- Never _____
- Never _____
- Never _____
- Never _____
- Never _____
- Never _____
- Never _____

Col. 4:6 ...Let your conversation be always full of grace
Ephes. 4:25 ...put off falsehood and speak truthfully...
Ephes. 4:29 ...let no unwholesome talk out of your mouths
James 1:19 ...be quick to listen, slow to speak...

6. Ask for _____.

Prov. 15:12 "Conceited people do not like to be corrected. They never ask for advice from those who are wiser."
Pr. 15:32 (GN) "If you refuse to learn, you are hurting yourself..."

7. Don't _____ !!

Galatians 6:9 "Let us not grow weary in doing good for at the proper time we will reap harvest if we do not give up."