

## YOU DRIVE ME CRAZY

### Prepare To Settle Conflict

Romans 12:16 Live in harmony with each other. Don't try to act important, but enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all!

17 Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable.

18 Do your part to live in peace with everyone, as much as possible.

19 Dear friends, never avenge yourselves. Leave that to God. For it is written, "I will take vengeance; I will repay those who deserve it," says the Lord.

### The Damage Of Unresolved Conflict

It \_\_\_\_\_ My Fellowship With God

1 John 4:20 If someone says, "I love God," but hates a Christian brother or sister, that person is a liar; for if we don't love people we can see, how can we love God, whom we have not seen?

It \_\_\_\_\_ My Prayers

1 Peter 3:7 In the same way, you husbands must give honor to your wives. Treat her with understanding as you live together. She may be weaker than you are, but she is your equal partner in God's gift of new life. If you don't treat her as you should, your prayers will not be heard.

It \_\_\_\_\_ My Happiness

It \_\_\_\_\_ With My Relationships

### How To Resolve Conflict

\_\_\_\_\_ The Process

Deal With \_\_\_\_\_

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

Deal With \_\_\_\_\_

Deal Face To \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 5:22 But I say, if you are angry with someone, you are subject to judgment! If you call someone an idiot, you are in danger of being brought before the high council. And if you curse someone, you are in danger of the fires of hell.

23 "So if you are standing before the altar in the Temple, offering a sacrifice to God, and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you,

24 leave your sacrifice there beside the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God.

#### \_\_\_\_\_ My Part Of The Problem

Matthew 7:1 "Stop judging others, and you will not be judged.

2 For others will treat you as you treat them. Whatever measure you use in judging others, it will be used to measure how you are judged.

3 And why worry about a speck in your friend's eye when you have a log in your own?

4 How can you think of saying, 'Let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,' when you can't see past the log in your own eye?

5 Hypocrite! First get rid of the log from your own eye; then perhaps you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend's eye.

#### \_\_\_\_\_ About Their Pain

James 1:19 My dear brothers and sisters, be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.

Romans 15:1 We may know that these things make no difference, but we cannot just go ahead and do them to please ourselves. We must be considerate of the doubts and fears of those who think these things are wrong.

2 We should please others. If we do what helps them, we will build them up in the Lord.

#### \_\_\_\_\_ Their Perspective

Philippians 2:1 Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and sympathetic?

2 Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one heart and purpose.

3 Don't be selfish; don't live to make a good impression on others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourself.

- 4 Don't think only about your own affairs, but be interested in others, too, and what they are doing.
- 5 Your attitude should be the same that Christ Jesus had.

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### The Truth Prudently

Proverbs 12:18 Some people make cutting remarks, but the words of the wise bring healing.

19 Truth stands the test of time; lies are soon exposed.

20 Deceit fills hearts that are plotting evil; joy fills hearts that are planning peace!

Ephesians 4:29 Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.

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### On The Problem

Colossians 3:8 But now is the time to get rid of anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, and dirty language.

9 Don't lie to each other, for you have stripped off your old evil nature and all its wicked deeds.

10 In its place you have clothed yourselves with a brand-new nature that is continually being renewed as you learn more and more about Christ, who created this new nature within you.

Romans 14:13 So don't condemn each other anymore. Decide instead to live in such a way that you will not put an obstacle in another Christian's path.

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### On Peace

Matthew 5:7 God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

8 God blesses those whose hearts are pure, for they will see God.

9 God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God.