



## RESOLVING CONFLICT



Practical Solutions to Real Peace & Harmony

**The Right Focus**  
*1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1*  
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**The Bottom Line: Success in conflict is not getting the right result but reflecting the right person.**

Conflict is a difference in opinion or purpose that frustrates someone's goals or desires.

There is a big difference between our automatic reactions in conflict and the practical peacemaking commands of God.

### Automatic Reactions vs. Planned Responses

Conflict is an opportunity to glorify God. One of the simplest ways to understand this is to use a mirror. God wants you to be an image bearer.

Reflect His glory, grace, gentleness, compassion, forgiveness, and justice.

### **How can I reflect (please and honor) God in this relationship?**

The foundation is the Gospel of Christ.

Solution is found in 1 Corinthians 11:1. Glorify God by following the example of Christ.

As you understand the gift of salvation, what God has done for you

through Christ at Calvary; when He sent His Son to die for your sins and take the just wrath you deserve; when He took your sin and gave you His righteousness in exchange; when He made you spotless and blameless in the eyes of God.

When you understand all this, it inspires you to say ...

After all you've done for me, I want to glorify you. I want to honor and please you. I want to grow to be more and more like Jesus. I want to reflect His ... glory, grace, gentleness, compassion, forgiveness, and justice in this conflict – in this relationship.

*I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.*  
-- *Philippians 4:13*

### **NEXT STEPS:**

- Memorize: 1 Corinthians 10:31.**
- Meditate on the principle: Conflict is a opportunity to glorify God.**
- Commit: How can I reflect -please and honor God in this relationship?**
- Commit to putting off automatic reactions.**
- Join us next week for *The Right Heart*.**