



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*.**