



Managing Difficult Situations

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Introduction: We are living in an age when the Christian home is under attack. We are bombarded from every side and it is taking its toll on faithful Christians. We need to put the family first! In this specific lesson we will focus on managing difficult situations. One great text to read in times of crisis is **Isaiah 40:27-31**. When we are struggling to find answers it is important to remember the faithfulness of God! If we will just wait on Him, He will renew our strength to help us rise above life circumstances. When it comes to managing difficult circumstances within our families, the Bible has already given us advice. In fact, there are many Scripture given to help us navigate the waters of conflict resolution. Let's study together...

Discussion:

I. Take The Advice of Solomon

- A. Your heart should move your lips (**Proverbs 10:18-21**)
- B. Think before you speak (**Proverbs 12:18**)
- C. Say what needs to be said (**Proverbs 18:21**)

II. Take The Advice of Paul

- A. Compromise when needed (**I Corinthians 8:1-13**)
- B. Consider your approach (**Galatians 6:1-2**)
- C. Cautiously express your feelings (**Colossians 3:12-21**)

III. Take The Advice of Jesus

- A. Recognize the problem (**Matthew 5:23-24**)
- B. Reconcile the problem (**Matthew 18:15-17**)
- C. Reaffirm the relationship (**Matthew 22:35-40**)

Conclusion: Christians shouldn't be afraid to clarify the area of conflict (**Acts 2, 7, 9, 11, 15**). We need to pursue resolution and reconciliation while it is still possible. Where are you in your walk with God? Where is your family headed? How are things within your spiritual family? If you are not living as a faithful and godly family... PLEASE repent and set your house in order. Do you need prayers for any other thing going on in your life? The family of God is here to pray for you!