

The Ten Commandments of Conflict Resolution

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Introduction:

1. We need to be a real church, focused on real people, and engaged in real ministry!
2. We have to take an honest approach to life!
3. We must not forget that we do live in a world filled with conflict.
4. We are broken people that are not perfect.
5. How can we resolve our conflicts?

Discussion:

- I. *PRAY - Talk to God first***
James 4:1-2, 5:16
- II. *BELIEVE - Remember that everyone can change***
Acts 9:1-20, Acts 15:36-41, II Timothy 4:11
- III. *GO - Always take the initiative***
Matthew 5:23-24, 18:15-17
- IV. *CONFESS - Confess your part of the problem***
Matthew 7:1-5, James 5:16
- V. *CONFRONT - Attack the problem not the person***
Proverbs 15:1, Ephesians 4:29
- VI. *WATCH - Be loving, honest, and assertive in your approach***
Galatians 6:1-2, Colossians 3:12-15
- VII. *LISTEN - Use your ears more than your mouth***
Romans 15:1-3, Philippians 2:4
- VIII. *RESOLVE - Practice cooperation and compromise when needed***
Romans 12:18, I Corinthians 8:1-13
- IX. *FORGIVE - If the person is willing to repent you must forgive them***
Luke 17:3-4, Acts 7:60
- X. *FORGET - You must learn to move on and shake the dust***
Matthew 18:21-35, I John 2:9-11

Conclusion:

1. We must find a way to get along with one another.
2. We have to learn to lay down our pride and handle our conflicts.
3. We cannot forget that the two greatest commandments are to love the Lord with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. . . . and to love our neighbor as ourselves (**Matthew 22:37-39**).
4. And we are commanded to love our enemies (**Mathew 5:44**).
5. Are you helping to resolve conflict?