



LESSON #1 = Passion For Relationships: The Ten Commandments of Conflict Resolution

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Introduction: One of the reasons I enjoy talking about love, passion, and zeal is because I believe we need to revival today! One of the ways we revive our relationships is to resolve conflict. There are biblical patterns for us to follow. Today we are going to notice ten of them. Let's study together...

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: We must find a way to get along. We have to learn to lay down our pride and handle our conflicts. 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**). We are commanded to love our enemies (**Mathew 5:44**). Are you helping to resolve conflict?