



GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday Evening Sermon

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"The Godly Approach to Conflict"

Introduction: There is a vast difference between the way the world views conflict and the way Christians should view conflict. Today we are going to consider the godly approach to conflict. We must remember that every home, church, office, school, and relationship... conflict is inevitable. Conflict is not sinful, but it often leads to sin because of the way it is approached or handled. Christians should be eager to preserve all relationships, especially those with family and brethren. What should we do in a conflict? What can we learn from the Bible? Let's study together...

Discussion:

- 1) *Consider the problem ASAP (**Proverbs 12:18, 18:21**)*
- 2) *Communication is the key to moving forward (**Matthew 5:23-24**)*
- 3) *Courage is always needed (**Matthew 10:5-23**)*
- 4) *Confront the real issue in person (**Matthew 18:15-17**)*
- 5) *Confirm your relationship (**Matthew 22:35-40**)*
- 6) *Clarify the area of conflict before it's too late (**Acts 9, 11, 15**)*
- 7) *Compromise when it is needed (**I Corinthians 8:1-13**)*
- 8) *Choose the right time to approach someone (**Galatians 6:1-2**)*
- 9) *Cautiously express your feelings (**Colossians 3:12-21**)*
- 10) *Concentrate on a positive future (**Hebrews 13:10-16**)*

Conclusion: When we face conflict, why must we react differently from the world? The goal of a Christian is to seek peace and show compassion. Remember you will reap what you sow (**Galatians 6:7**). What would you rather reap: Forgiveness or Blame? Peace or Revenge? Love or Resentment? The choice is yours.