


Can't We All Just Get Along?!

Tuesday Bible Study – April 14, 2020 7:30-8:15 p.m.
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Getting to the Heart of the Matter

☞ **Most conflicts arise from unmet desires in our hearts. (Idols) James 4:1-3**

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The Four G's of Conflict Resolution

☞ _____ God

- _____
- _____
- _____

☞ _____ the _____ out of your own _____

- _____
- _____

Four G's (continued)

So _____ - **Matthew 18:15**

- o Pray for _____ and _____
- o Plan your _____ carefully (think of how you would want to be confronted)
- o Anticipate likely _____ and plan _____ responses (rehearsals can be very helpful)

Four G's (Continued)

- o Choose the right _____ and _____ (talk in person whenever possible)
- o Assume the _____ about the other person until you have _____ to prove otherwise (Prov. 11:27)
- o Listen _____ (Prov. 18:13) Speak only to _____ (Eph. 4:29)
- o Ask for _____ from the other person

So **and be** _____

- o Recognize your _____ (only God can change people; see Romans 12:18; 2 Timothy 2:24-26)
- o Control your _____ ("Bless those who curse you")
- o Seek _____ (identify with others and do not become isolated)

Ground Rules for Fair Fighting

- ☞ Maintain an attitude of _____
- ☞ Maintain a commitment to _____
- ☞ Maintain a _____
- ☞ **No:**
 - _____, _____, _____
 - _____ of issues
 - Speaking for _____

Concluding Thoughts

- ✓ Keep doing what is right (1 Peter 2:12, 15; 3:15-16)
- ✓ Recognize your limits (instead of retaliating, stay within biblical principles)
- ✓ Use the ultimate weapon: deliberate, focused love (John 3:16; Luke 6:27-31)



Sources

- ✎ Faith Communities Today
- ✎ *Mastering Conflict and Controversy* by Edward G. Dobson, Speed B. Leas, and Marshall Shelley
- ✎ Christianity Today Survey, 2004
- ✎ *The Peacemaker: A Biblical Guide to Resolving Personal Conflict* by Ken Sande (Baker Books, 2004)
- ✎ <http://billpeckblog.files.wordpress.com/2014/07/t-oneheart.jpg>

Additional Resources

- ✎ *Angry People in the Pews: Managing Anger in the Church* by Leroy Howe.
- ✎ *Antagonists in the Church: How to Identify and Deal with Destructive Conflict* by Kenneth C. Haugk.
- ✎ *Behavioral Covenants in Congregations: A Handbook for Honoring Differences* by Gil Rendle.
- ✎ *Church Conflict: From Contention to Collaboration* by Norma C. Everist.

Additional Resources

- ✎ *Church Research Report: Managing Church Conflict, the Source, Pastors Reactions, and its Effects*, Christianity Today International.
- ✎ *Conflict Management in Congregations* edited by David B. Lott.
- ✎ *Destructive Emotions: How Can We Overcome Them?* by Daniel Goleman.

☞ *Forgiveness, Reconciliation, and Moral Courage: Motives and Designs for Ministry in a Troubled World* by Robert L. Browning and Roy A. Reed.

☞ *The Peacemaking Pastor: A Biblical Guide to Resolving Church Conflict* by Alfred Poirier.

Questions???
