

Conflict Resolution - Part 2

The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

Ephesians 4:17, 20-27

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Major Points for Today's Message

1. Biblical model is a learned model
2. Everyone has anger/conflict
3. We are responsible for how we express it
4. What is the Biblical approach?
5. Forgiveness is the ultimate goal

Scripture for Today's Message

Ephesians 4:26-27 (NASB)

²⁶ BE ANGRY, AND *yet* DO NOT SIN; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and do not give the devil an opportunity.

Matthew 15:18 (NASB)

¹⁸ But the things that proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and those defile the man.

James 1:26 (NASB)

²⁶ If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his *own* heart, this man's religion is worthless.

Psalms 39:1 (NASB)

I said, "I will guard my ways
That I may not sin with my tongue;
I will guard my mouth as with a muzzle
While the wicked are in my presence."

Matthew 5:23-24 (NASB)

²³ Therefore if you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴ leave your offering there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering.

Matthew 18:15-17 (NASB)

¹⁵ "If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother. ¹⁶ But if he does not listen *to you*, take one or two more with you, so that BY THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES EVERY FACT MAY BE CONFIRMED. ¹⁷ If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

Hebrews 12:15 (NASB)

¹⁵ See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled;

Galatians 6:1 (NASB)

Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; *each one* looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.