Lighthouse Bible Church

Peacemaker: Class #1

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Peacemaker: Glorify God

Conflict Provides Opportunities

1. Introduction
2. The Slippery Slope of Conflict
3. Escape Responses
4. Denial (Gen. 16:1-6; 1 Samuel 2:22-25)
5. Flight (Gen. 16:6-8)
6. Suicide (1 Samuel 31:4)
7. Attack Responses
8. Assault (Acts 6:8-15)
9. Litigation (Acts 24:1-26; Rom. 13:1-5; 1 Cor. 6:1-8)
10. Murder (Acts 7:54-58, Matt. 5:21-22)
11. Peacemaking Reponses
12. Overlook an offense (Prov. 19:11)
13. Reconciliation (Matt. 5:23-24; Gal. 6:1; Col. 3:13)
14. Negotiation (Phil. 2:4)
15. Mediation (Matt. 18:16)
16. Arbitration (1 Cor. 6:4)
17. Accountability (Matt. 18:17)
18. A Biblical View of Conflict
19. Definition of Conflict: A difference in opinion or purpose that frustrates someone’s goals or desires.
20. Four Primary Causes of Conflict
21. Poor communication. (Joshua 22:10-34)
22. Differences in values, goals, gifts, calling, priorities, expectations, interests, or opinions. (Acts. 15:39; 1 Cor. 12:12-31)
23. Competition over limited resources, such as time or money. (Gen. 13:1-12)
24. Sinful attitudes and habits that lead to sinful words and actions. (James 4:1-2)
25. Biblical View: 1 Cor. 10:31-11:1
26. This passage encourages us to look at conflict as an opportunity to glorify God, serve others, and grow to be like Christ.
27. Glorify God
28. Trust God (Prov. 3:5-7)
29. Obey God
30. Imitate God (Eph. 5:1-2; Eph. 4:1-3; Phil. 1:9-11)
31. Acknowledge God (Phil. 2:13)
32. Serve Others (Luke 6:27-28; Luke 6:36)
33. Work together toward a solution. (Phil. 2:3-4)
34. Carrying each other’s burdens. (Gal. 6:2; 9-10)
35. Exposing sin. (Gal. 6:1-2)
36. Testimony for the gospel. (1 Peter 3:15-16)
37. Teach and encourage others by your example. (1 Tim. 4:12; Titus 2:7)
38. Grow To Be Like Christ
39. Conflicts develop Christ-like character. (Rom 8:28-29)
40. Conflicts expose our sinful attitudes and habits. (Psalm 119:67)
41. Conflicts give us opportunities to draw on His grace and practice new godly attitudes and habits.

Charles Swindoll “If you listen to the voices around you, you’ll search for a substitute – an escape route. You’ll miss the fact that each one of those problems is a God-appointed instructor ready to stretch you and challenge you and deepen your walk with him. Growth and wisdom await you at the solution of each one, the pain and mess notwithstanding.”

1. Stewarding Conflict

Character traits that are needed to manage conflicts in God-honoring ways:

1. Motivated
2. Informed
3. Strengthened
4. Dependent
5. Faithful
6. Questions
7. What have been your primary goals as you’ve tried to resolve this dispute?
8. From this point on, how could you glorify God through this conflict? Specifically, how could you please and honor God in this situation and bring praise to Jesus by showing that he has saved you and is changing you?
9. What have you been relying on for guidance in this situation: your feelings and personal opinions about what is right or the careful study and application of what is taught in the Bible?
10. How could you use the resources God has provided (the Bible, the Holy Spirit, or other Christians) to deal with these struggles?