

"Who Loves Conflict?" (Various Scriptures)

Living yet in a broken world with people who still sin (ourselves included), we will inevitably encounter conflict with people during our lives. As disciples of Christ, we must see conflict as an opportunity for growth and purpose to implement the principles of Scripture that will guide these conflicts to a God-honoring resolution.

Conflict is not just something that plagues the world but also plagues the church within & the lives of believers too! (Phil 4:3; Gal 5:15; Eph 4:1-16; Acts 15:36-40)

Is conflict really considered an _____? (Ken Sande's Quotes)

1. _____ for & _____ to Conflict (Jas 4:1-3)

Why do we have conflict?

A) Reason for Conflict: _____ (Jas 4:1-3)

See vv. 1, 3 (last parts)

What's the real problem?

See Ps 139:23-24

B) Self-Centered Responses to _____

Peacekeeper vs. Peacemaker... (Do you know the difference?)

The Slippery Slopes...

ESCAPE

Denial –

Flight –

Suicide –

ATTACK

Assault –

Litigation –

Murder –

2. Preaching the _____ to Myself (1 Cor 15:1-4)

Elements of the Gospel to Consider...

GUILT –

(Rom 3:10, 23; Ps 14:3; 53:1)

CONDEMNATION –

(1 Sam 6:7; Jer 17:10; Jas 3:18b; Rom 8:1)

RECONCILIATION & FORGIVENESS –

(Jn 16:8; Rom 5:10; 1 Jn 4:10; Eph 5:1; Col 1:22a; 2 Cor 5:18)

Does our belief in the gospel connect with everyday life or do we reserve it for our initial salvation alone?

3. A _____ for Conflict Resolution (Various Scriptures)

And we'll look at toxic reactivity in conflict!

Psalm 139 – God's omniscience, omnipotence, & omnipresence – What is the significance of this?

Are vv. 23-24 our anthem & filter in conflict?

How will we respond to the Word of God today?

What changes do you need to make? How will respond to conflict in ways that glorify God?