

## RESOLVING CONFLICT

### You Make Me Crazy - Part 3

*“Never pay back evil for evil to anyone... As much as possible, as far as it depends on you, live in peace with everyone.” Romans 12:17-18 (NLT)*

#### THE DAMAGE OF UNRESOLVED CONFLICT

##### IT BLOCKS MY FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

##### IT HINDERS MY PRAYERS

##### IT HINDERS MY HAPPINESS

#### BIBLICAL STEPS TO RESOLVING CONFLICT

##### 1. TAKE THE INITIATIVE

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##### MUST DEAL WITH 3 THINGS

##### YOUR FEAR

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*“Adam said to God, ‘I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.’” Genesis 3:10*

*“God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but a Spirit of power, love, and self-discipline!” 2 Timothy 1:7 (NLT)*

##### THE TIMING

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*“If you’re standing before the altar in the Temple, giving an offering to God, and you suddenly remember someone has something against you, leave your offering there beside the altar. Go at once and first be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your gift to God.” Matt. 5:23-24 (NLT)*

##### PLAN A SIT DOWN, “FACE-THE-ISSUES” MEETING

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2. \_\_\_\_\_  
“*Why do you notice the little piece of dust in your friend's eye, but you don't notice the big piece of wood in your own eye? First, take the wood out of your own eye. Then you will see clearly to take the dust out of your friend's eye.*” Matt. 7:3 (NCV)

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
“*Be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.*” James 1:19 (NLT)

4. \_\_\_\_\_  
“*Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus.*” Phil. 2:4-5 (NIV)

5. \_\_\_\_\_  
“*Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.*”  
Prov. 12:18 (NIV)

“*Do not use harmful words, but only helpful words, the kind that build up and provide what is needed.*” Eph. 4:29 (TEV)

6. \_\_\_\_\_  
“*You must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.*” Col. 3:8 (NIV)

“*Let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in your brother's way.*” Rom. 14:13 (NIV)

7. \_\_\_\_\_

“Reconciliation” = to reestablish the relationship

“Resolution” = to resolve every issue

“*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God!*”  
Matt. 5:9 (NIV)