



"THE TONGUE HAS THE POWER OF LIFE
AND DEATH." - PROVERBS 18:21

"The Art of Confrontation"
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I. CONFLICT IS INEVITABLE

- A. There will always be q_____.
1. At w_____
 2. In f_____
 3. In c_____
- B. Because of difference in p_____.
- C. Because of s_____.
- D. It is our job to rebuild broken r_____.

Memory Verse:

"All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us". (2 Corinthians 5:18-19)

II. GO AND TELL HIM HIS FAULT (v. 15)

- A. One of the biggest mistakes is to not v_____ our hurt.

Jesus said, "go and tell him..."

- B. See the p_____ in p_____.

Jesus said, "go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone."

- C. Do not.....

1. Talk to o_____.
2. Write l_____.
3. H_____ or C_____.

- D. Knowing we make m_____,
and still having God's f_____;
we can allow others the same p_____.

Jesus said, "If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone." (John 8:7)

- E. If he listens to you, you have g_____ your brother!

III. TAKE SOME WISE CHRISTIANS WITH YOU

“But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses.” (v. 16)

- A. Not to prove w_____.
- B. But to help the r_____.

IV. IF THAT FAILS, TAKE IT TO THE CHURCH

- A. L_____ seldom restores relationships.
- B. L_____ often restores relationships.

V. IF THAT FAILS, TREAT HIM AS A GENTILE

- A. This seems like very t_____ advice!
- B. And yet, Jesus never sets l_____ on forgiveness!

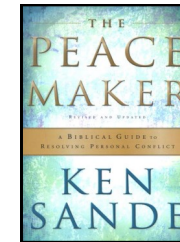
“Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, ‘Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?’” (v. 21)

“Jesus answered, ‘I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.’” (v. 22)

- C. Never g_____ up trying!

VI. REPEAT AS OFTEN AS NECESSARY

“Nothing that is worth doing can be achieved in our life time: therefore we must be saved by hope. Nothing which is true or beautiful or good makes complete sense in any immediate context of history; therefore we must be saved by faith. Nothing we do, however virtuous, can be accomplished alone, therefore we are saved by love. No virtuous act is quite as virtuous from the standpoint of our friend or foe as it is from our standpoint. Therefore we must be saved by the final form of love which is forgiveness.” (Reinhold Niebuhr)



MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO...

- Memorize 2 Corinthians 5:18-19
- Read and study Matthew 18:15-20.
- Take Step 1 to rebuild a broken relationship this week.
- Commit to be a part of this series, as much as possible.

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