

CONFLICT

RESOLUTION

GOD'S WISDOM FOR HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

Wisdom in Personal Wars

Proverbs

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1. Use pleasant words
(Proverbs 15:1; 16:21, 24).

2. Seek love (Proverbs 17:9; 1 Peter 4:8)

A related concept is:

3. Let it go! (Proverbs 17:4; 12:16).

4. Be a friend (Proverbs 27:6).

The One Thing: Do the wise thing!

taking it home

{ notes for small group,
family & personal study
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keeping it real

1 If you have the courage to verbalize it, tell of a petty issue over which you have personally experienced conflict. How does something so insignificant become such a big deal?

look at the book

2 Most of our conflict in one way or another is closely connected with the use of our tongues. If our tongues don't ignite the conflict, they surely fan the flames. How powerful is the tongue? What does it reveal? (James 1:19-20; 3:2-10)

3 Sometimes, after we have done everything possible (Romans 12:17-18), the conflict remains. Paul and Barnabas experienced this after helping the Church at large through an intense time of difficulty in Acts 15. How would you record the unheard conversation most likely spoken in 15:36-41? What does the lack of recorded resolution say to you?

the next step

4 Which of the following truths will you employ to help you govern the use of your tongue?

- Psalm 39:1; 141:3; 19:14
- Matthew 12:34-37 & Proverbs 4:23
- Ephesians 4:29

my next step this week is to:

- Memorize Proverbs 16:24 and/or 1 Peter 4:8.
- Attend the new *sermon-based* small group forming at 10:30 am in *The Meadows* (lower level).
- Figure out what I should just "let go" and do it!
- Other _____