

*“How To Defuse A Bomb, Biblical Conflict Resolution”
“Step Three- Confrontation with Others
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PERSONAL APPLICATION

Review the main lesson outline briefly

1. What about conflict scares you the most? Discuss ways that conflict can be made easier based on the lesson.
2. How does our attitude make confrontation easier?
3. Can we always get along with everyone according to Romans 12:18?

PRIVATE MEDITATION

Read the Scripture and identify 1 thought to take with you for that day
Write down your daily thought under each day

Monday – Matthew 5:21-24

Thought:

Tuesday – Romans 12:9-21

Thought:

Wednesday – Matthew 18:15-17

Thought:

Thursday – 1 Corinthians 10:31

Thought:

Friday – Matthew 5:16

Thought:

Saturday– Ephesians 4:1-16

Sunday– “Step Three – “Biblical Communication”

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Matthew 5:21-24, 18:15-17

I. The Four Ways to Handle Conflict

- A. Avoid it – act like it does not exist or run from it
- B. Maintain it at the current level – Do nothing, “Learn to live with it”
- C. Escalate it – constantly bring it up and deal with it the wrong way
- D. Resolve it

II. The Two Basic Steps in Confrontation

- A. ***Focus on the real issue*** – it is not about **WHO** is right or wrong but **WHAT** is right or wrong.
 - a. When do I confront someone? – 1 Pet. 4:8
 - i. Concerning something that does lasting damage to the relationship-Rom. 12:18
 - ii. Concerning something that hurts God’s reputation, other people or the person – Matthew 5:16; 1 Corinthians 10:31
 - b. Why do I confront someone?
 - i. In order to live in peace with others – Romans 12:18
 - ii. To restore a brother or sister in Christ – Galatians 6:1, Proverbs 27:5-6
- B. ***Fine tune my attitude***
 - a. Romans 12:9-21 – Attitude checklist
 - b. Galatians 6:1-5 – Remember it could be me!

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III. Why is Confrontation so Scary? *(Adapted from “War of Words” by Paul Tripp)*

- A. Confrontation often confuses personal irritation & anger with biblical perspectives & purposes.
- B. Poor data gathering can lead to incorrect assumptions that break down confrontation efforts.
- C. Confrontation is often marred by wrong motives
- D. Inflammatory language, condemning words, and emotional tones often stain confrontation.
- E. Confrontations are often adversarial rather than moments of loving concern for the person confronted.
- F. In confrontation, Scripture is often used more as a club than as a mirror of self-awareness and a guide to change.
- G. Confrontation often confuses human expectations with God’s will.
- H. Confrontation often takes place in the context of an already broken relationship
- I. Confrontation often demands that change be an immediate event rather than a process.

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