



resolving conflict

four basic biblical principles

1. Glorify God (I Cor. 10:31)

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

2. Get the log out of your own eye (Matt. 7:5)

You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

3. Go and show your brother his fault (Matt. 18:15)

If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother.

Discipline is part of Discipleship (Hebrews 12:10-11)

10 Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. 11 No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

Matthew 18—Steps of confrontation

Verses 15-17

"If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. 16 But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' 17 If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

- Step 1 Go show the fault
- Step 2 If no change is made, take one or two others along
- Step 3 If no change is made, tell it to the house church
- Step 4 If no change is made, treat the person as a non-believer

4. Go and be reconciled (Matt. 5:24)

. . . leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift.

My personal action steps

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- 2.
- 3.

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