



# Strategies for Biblical Conflict Resolution

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## Our Biblical Mandate to be Peacemakers

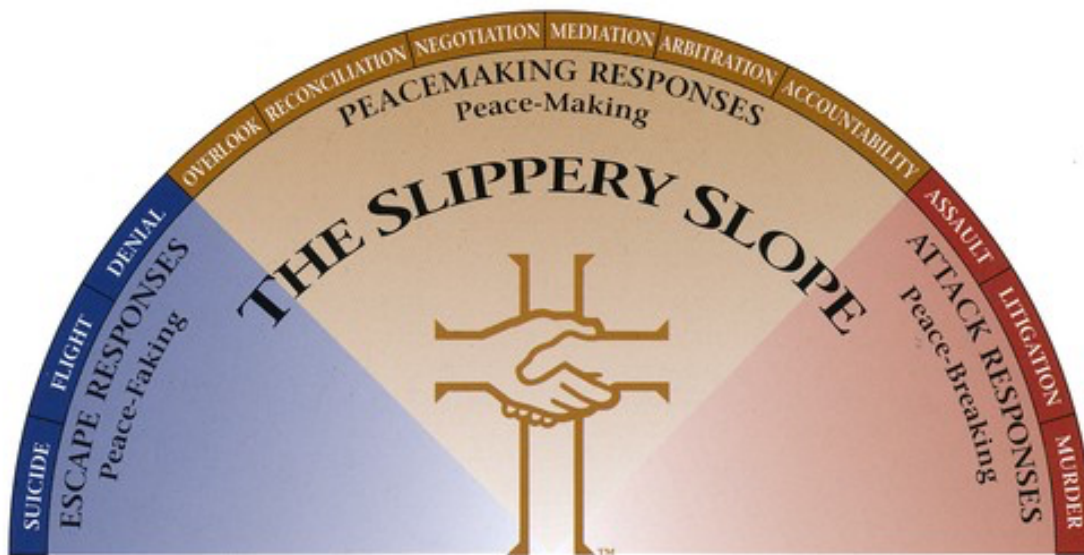
Matt. 6 – Blessed are the \_\_\_\_\_.

Eph. 4:1-3 – Scripture requires that we make every effort to keep \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Conflict robs us of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Possible responses to conflict:



**STAYING ON TOP OF CONFLICT**

## **Causes of Conflict**

Sinful \_\_\_\_\_ (James 4:1-4)

Different \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Competition over \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

The progression of heart idols:

I \_\_\_\_\_ >> I \_\_\_\_\_ >> I \_\_\_\_\_ >> I \_\_\_\_\_

## **When to Just Let It Go**

I Pet. 4:8 – Love covers \_\_\_\_\_.

I Cor. 13:5 – Love \_\_\_\_\_ all things, \_\_\_\_\_ all things, \_\_\_\_\_ all things, \_\_\_\_\_ all things.

If these answers are “no,” let it go:

Is it just about my own \_\_\_\_\_?

Is it seriously \_\_\_\_\_?

Has it \_\_\_\_\_?

Is it seriously \_\_\_\_\_?

Is it seriously \_\_\_\_\_?

## **Start With the 5Gs**

The \_\_\_\_\_ – Mt. 6:12

\_\_\_\_\_ God – 1 Cor. 10:31

Get the \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_ – Mt. 7:5

Gently \_\_\_\_\_ – Mt. 18

Go and be \_\_\_\_\_ – Mt. 5:23-24

## **How to Work Through a Conflict**

Stay \_\_\_\_\_!

The PAUSE Method:

P - \_\_\_\_\_

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A - Affirm \_\_\_\_\_

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U - Understand \_\_\_\_\_

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S - Search for creative \_\_\_\_\_

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E - Evaluate \_\_\_\_\_ objectively and reasonably

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### **When to Keep Your Distance**

Remember: \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't make a person toxic.

Toxic people want \_\_\_\_\_ and delight in \_\_\_\_\_ like a true Christian delights in \_\_\_\_\_.

You may need to walk away in order to protect your \_\_\_\_\_ and to protect other \_\_\_\_\_.

Walking away means letting the person feel \_\_\_\_\_ of their own \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Recommended Resources**

*The Peacemaker* by Ken Sande

*Resolving Everyday Conflict* by Ken Sande &  
Kevin Johnson

*Gospel Treason* by Brad Bigney

*Counterfeit Gods* by Timothy Keller

*When to Walk Away* by Gary Thomas