



Part 2

Psalm 133: 1 How good and pleasant it is when **brothers live together in unity!**

Six Practical Aspects When Dealing With Conflict

1. Many of us need to be less **TOUCHY** and be better extenders of **GRACE**

A few things that will help us in this area:

- a) Give people the **BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT**
- b) **Be quick** to **extend GRACE rather than** judgment
- c) Assume the **BEST rather than** the **WORST** about people

2. Realize you can *feel* offended without **TAKING UP AN OFFENSE!**
3. You need to take **RESPONSIBILITY** for **YOUR PART** of the offense

- a) Do the hard part of examining your own **ACTIONS**

1 Corinthians 10:32-33 Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God – ³³even as I try to please everybody in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many...

Proverbs 15:1-4 A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. ²The tongue of the wise commends knowledge, but the mouth of the fool gushes folly. ³The eyes of the LORD are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good. ⁴The tongue that brings healing is a tree of life, but a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit.

- b) Do the hard work of examining your own **HEART**

Genesis 4:3-6 In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD. ⁴But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, ⁵but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast. ⁶**Then the LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast?**

Psalm 4:4 In your anger do not sin; when you are on your beds, search your hearts and be silent.

- c) Make the difficult choice to **FORGIVE**

4. Be careful not to pick up **SOMEONE ELSE'S OFFENSE!**
5. There will be times when you just can't get to an “OK” place and you just have to part!

Genesis 13:5-11 Now Lot, who was moving about with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents. ⁶But the land could not support them while they stayed together, for their possessions were so great that they were not able to stay together. ⁷And quarreling arose between Abram's herdsmen and the herdsmen of Lot. The Canaanites and Perizzites were also living in the land at that time. ⁸So Abram said to Lot, “Let's not have any quarreling between you and me, or between your herdsmen and mine, for we are brothers. ⁹Is not the whole land before you? Let's part company. If you go to the left, I'll go to the right; if you go to the right, I'll go to the left.” ¹⁰Lot looked up and saw that the whole plain of the Jordan was well watered, like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, toward Zoar. (This was before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.) ¹¹So Lot chose for himself the whole plain of the Jordan and set out toward the east. The two men parted company...

6. **Sometimes** your conflict is with a **CHURCH – What then?**

Acts 15:1-2 Some men came down from Judea to Antioch and were teaching the brothers: “Unless you are circumcised, according to the custom taught by Moses, you cannot be saved.” ²This brought Paul and Barnabas into sharp dispute and debate with them. So Paul and Barnabas were appointed, along with some other believers, to **go up to Jerusalem to see the apostles and elders about this question**.

Matthew 5:23-24 Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴**leave** your gift there in front of the altar. **First go and be reconciled to your brother;** then come and offer your gift.

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