

Series: Unity Part 1
Unity Through Resolving Conflict
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Proverbs 17:14 (GN) "The start of an argument is like the first break in a dam; stop it before it goes any further."

God's Solution for Conflict Resolution

Ephesians 4:25-32 (NLT)

1. Speak the truth lovingly

Ephesians 4:25 "So put away all falsehood and tell your neighbor the truth."

Proverbs 12:16 "A fool shows his annoyance at once, but a prudent man overlooks an insult."

Proverbs 14:17 "A quick tempered man does foolish things..."

2. Express Anger Appropriately

Ephesians 4:26-27 "And don't sin by letting anger gain control over you. Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry, for anger gives a mighty foothold to the Devil."

Proverbs 29:11 "A fool gives full vent to his anger but a wise man keeps himself under control."

Proverbs 15:1 "A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger."

3. Use Words Wisely

Ephesians 4:29 "Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them."

Proverbs 12:18 "Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing."

4. Put Away the Past Quickly...

*Past BEHAVIOR

Ephesians 4:31 "Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of malicious behavior."

*Past HURTS

Ephesians 4:32 "Be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you."