

# HOW TO HANDLE CONFLICT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

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First, be \_\_\_\_\_ of your facts. vs. 19

- If a person comes with a rumor or gossip, a church member is not to even \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- If somebody makes an accusation, he or she is to come with one or two credible witnesses that are ready to confirm the accusation.
- *“But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.”* **Matthew 18:16**
- *“This is the third time I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.”* **2 Corinthians 13:1**
- *“One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established.”*  
**Deuteronomy 19:15**
- Many godly people have been ruined and \_\_\_\_\_ by slander, lies, and gossip.

## Second, be \_\_\_\_\_ and honest. vs. 20

- Handling conflict is never easy, yet it must be handled with \_\_\_\_\_.
- Too many times we talk to everybody except the \_\_\_\_\_ we have the problem with.

## Third, be \_\_\_\_\_. vs. 21

- One of the biggest problems when it comes to the issues of accountability, discipline, and conflict is inconsistency.
- Paul said that when you apply these principles of righteousness, be consistent. Don't prefer one \_\_\_\_\_ another.

- As we hold others accountable, we would be wise to remember these instructions to Timothy:
  - ⇒ Be sure of your \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ⇒ Be \_\_\_\_\_ and honest.
  - ⇒ Be \_\_\_\_\_.



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