

HOW TO HANDLE



CONFLICT AND CONFRONTATION

Galatians 6:1

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- *“Open rebuke is better than secret love. Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.” Proverbs 27:5-6*
- There is a right way and a wrong way to confront a person and handle conflict.

**First, establish that there truly is a _____
for confrontation.**

- Galatians 6:1 states, *“...if a man be overtaken in a fault...”* This gives the idea that there is no _____ about the situation. You have firsthand knowledge.
- How do we know when something is serious enough that confrontation is necessary? Ask yourself:
 - Are their actions dishonoring God?
 - Are their actions damaging our relationship?
 - Are their actions hurting _____?
 - Are their actions hurting or jeopardizing them?
- If the answer is “yes” to any of these questions, then you need to confront the person.

Second, examine your own _____ carefully.

- Paul said, “...ye which are spiritual...” This means that we are controlled by God’s Holy Spirit.
- If we aren’t allowing our _____ actions and attitudes to be controlled by God’s Spirit, then we are in no shape to confront others about _____ actions. Matt. 7:3-5

Third, speak words of truth tempered with ____.

- Paul said that confrontation should take place with a spirit of _____.
- You must speak the truth, but do it in _____.
- *“But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ.”*
Ephesians 4:15

Fourth, remember the _____ - restoration.

- When you are involved in a conflict, the goal is not to humiliate the other person or be declared the “_____.” Paul said the goal is to “...restore such an one...”

One final word of caution:

- You can go through all of these biblical steps with a right heart and spirit, and the other person may still _____ to respond in a negative or fleshly way.
- At this point, you cannot get bitter and angry. You must _____ it with the Lord. Romans 12:18 states, *“If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.”*