

III. WHAT TO DO **AFTER** YOU RESPOND

A. Decide to **forgive**.

“Hatred stirs up strife, But love covers all sins.”
Proverbs 10:12

“And above all things have fervent love for one another, for “love will cover a multitude of sins.”
I Peter 4:8

“The discretion of a man makes him slow to anger, And his glory is to overlook a transgression.”
Proverbs 19:11

“Where there is no wood, the fire goes out; And where there is no talebearer, strife ceases.”
Proverbs 26:20

B. Figure out a **resolution**.

“It is honorable for a man to stop striving, Since any fool can start a quarrel.”
Proverbs 20:3

“Better is a dry morsel with quietness, Than a house full of feasting with strife.”
Proverbs 17:1

MAKE WISDOM YOUR LIFE GOAL!

Do you need to wise up about conflict?

*“5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.
6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting,”*
James 1:5-6a

WISE UP

Wise Up About Conflict

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INTRODUCTION

A. Wise up and live well!!

*“7 Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding.
8 Exalt her, and she will promote you; She will bring you honor, when you embrace her.”*
Proverbs 4:7-8

Wisdom is discerning and doing the will of God.

B. This teaching series is based on the book of Proverbs.

- The theme of Proverbs is **wisdom**.
It is mentioned dozens of times covering all the basic areas of life.
- The writer of Proverbs is **Solomon**.
He is the wisest person to ever live.
- The nature of Proverbs is **pithy**.
They are short and concise statements of truth.

C. In this series, you will you will learn how to wise up and live well.

Oct 21 Wise Up About Decisions
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Nov 3 Wise Up About Sex
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D. **Text:** Proverbs 15:1 (Pew Bible/Pg.599/Old Testament)

HOW TO WISE UP ABOUT CONFLICT

I. WHAT TO DO **BEFORE** YOU RESPOND

A. Keep **anger** in check.

*“The beginning of strife is like releasing water;
Therefore stop contention before a quarrel starts.”*
Proverbs 17:14

*“An angry man stirs up strife, And a furious man
abounds in transgression.”* Proverbs 29:22

*“A wrathful man stirs up strife, But he who is slow to
anger allays contention.”* Proverbs 15:18

B. Seek first to **understand**.

*“In the multitude of words sin is not lacking,
But he who restrains his lips is wise.”*
Proverbs 10:19

*“Do you see a man hasty in his words? There is
more hope for a fool than for him.”* Proverbs 29:20

*“He who answers a matter before he hears it, It is
folly and shame to him.”* Proverbs 18:13

II. WHAT TO DO **WHEN** YOU RESPOND

A. Admit what **you** did wrong.

*“5 Open rebuke is better Than love carefully
concealed.*

*6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend, But the kisses
of an enemy are deceitful.”* Proverbs 27:5-6

“By pride comes nothing but strife,...”
Proverbs 13:10a

*“He who covers his sins will not prosper, But
whoever confesses and forsakes them will have
mercy.”* Proverbs 28:13

B. Stick to the **subject** at hand.

*“An ungodly man digs up evil, And it is on his lips
like a burning fire.”* Proverbs 16:27

*“He who covers a transgression seeks love, But he
who repeats a matter separates friends.”*
Proverbs 17:9

C. Attack the **problem**, not the person.

*“He who is devoid of wisdom despises his neighbor,
But a man of understanding holds his peace.”*
Proverbs 11:12

*“There is one who speaks like the piercings of a
sword, But the tongue of the wise promotes health.”*
Proverbs 12:18

D. Know when to **stop**.

*“A fool vents all his feelings, But a wise man holds
them back.”* Proverbs 29:11

*“In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, But he
who restrains his lips is wise.”* Proverbs 10:19