

The Peacemaker – Summary and Review*

Conflict: “a difference in opinion or purpose that frustrates someone’s goals or desires.” (29)

Ways to look at conflict. (22)

1. A _____ that _____ me.
2. An _____ to be conquered quickly no matter the consequences.
3. An _____ to solve problems in a way that honors God and benefits others.

“Conflict is an opportunity to demonstrate the love and power of God in our lives.” (See 1 Corinthians 10:31–11:1)

The root of conflict. (102)

- Our hearts are the _____ of our thoughts. (Jam 4:1–3; Prov 4:23)
- The root cause of conflict is “_____ in our hearts.”
- A change in circumstances will _____ cure conflict because the source for conflict is _____ not _____.

Typical Responses. (25–28)

Attack responses. (Focus on _____)

Escape responses. (Focus on _____)

Peacemaking responses. (Focus on _____)

The Four G’s of Peacemaking. (38)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Know → Trust → Obey (59)

What does it mean to “trust God”?

“Trusting God means that in spite of our questions, doubts, and fears we draw on his grace and continue to believe that he is _____, that he is in _____, and that he is always working for our _____.” (65)

The Seven A’s of Confession. (126–133)

1. _____ everyone involved.
2. _____ “if” “but” and “maybe.”
3. _____ specifically. (Luke 15:21)
4. _____ the hurt.
5. _____ the consequences. (Luke 15:19; 19:18)
6. _____ your behavior.
7. _____ for forgiveness (and _____ time).

Remorse vs. repentance (See 2 Corinthians 7:9–11). (118–119)

“Worldly Sorrow”

“Godly Sorrow”

Sad you were _____ doing wrong.

Sad because you must suffer _____.

Because thinking doesn’t change, the sinner’s grief / bad feelings eventually wear off and he will _____ to his behavior with the goal of not getting caught again.

Sad because you have offended _____.

Sincerely regretting you did morally wrong whether or not you suffer consequences.

Involves a _____ of _____ — possible when you see sin as an offense against God. (2 Chron 6:37–39).

Not always accompanied by intense _____; implies a change of thinking which should lead to a change in behavior.

What Forgiveness Is Not (206)

Forgiveness is not a _____.

- It is an act of the _____.
- It involves a series of _____.

Forgiveness is not _____.

- Forgetting is _____; forgiving is _____
- God’s pattern of forgiveness. (Isa 43:25)

Forgiveness is not _____.

- Excusing is saying, “_____.”
- You must deal _____ with the sin.

What Forgiveness Is

- Aphiēmi: related to debts paid or cancelled.
- Charizomai: to bestow favor; to give graciously and unconditionally.

“To forgive someone means to _____ him or her from liability to suffer punishment or penalty.” (207)

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