

RESOLVING ISSUES

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Text: Joshua 22

Theme: You must learn to handle matters wisely.

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**Prov 16:20** He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good: and whoso trusteth in the LORD, happy is he.

What is the one point I am trying to get across? **We must learn to resolve & restore relationships**

**1. You must learn not to assume you know what they meant or what they did (v. 12)**

Things aren't always as they appear

"I heard what you said!" **But you might not know what they meant (emotions distort)**

**2. You must not use others for leverage (v. 16)**

"Everybody is saying..."

Several people told me..."

**3. You must not think (conclude) the worst (v. 16)**

Don't jump to conclusions

**4. You must get clarity before you make conclusions (vv. 13-20)**

Confrontation of sin may be proper (depending how and why), **but you first must make sure it is sin**

**5. You must ask questions that create communication instead of making accusations that shut down communication (vv. 16-20)**

Accusations make you defensive & either withdrawn or explosive (depending on **character**)

**6. You must not compare them to others (vv. 17, 20)**

**7. Allow others to explain, and be meek while listening (vv. 21-29)**

Also if you are being confronted you should remain meek...

"I'm sorry that what I did looked wrong, but..."

"I'm sorry that what I said sounded wrong, but..."

**8. Handling a matter wisely brings praise to God and peace with others (vv. 30-33)**

**9. You must learn to resolve issues (v. 34)**

**Psa 133:1** Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* for brethren to dwell together in unity!