

A Word to the Wise on Conflict | DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Outline From Sunday's Message - HOW TO HANDLE CONFLICT WISELY

1. Don't love conflict. (Prov. 17:19; 20:3; 26:20)
2. Be willing to take the hit. (Prov. 12:16; 13:10; 17:1)
3. Watch your mouth. (Prov. 18:6; 16:28)
4. Love people more than you love being right. (Prov. 17:9; 10:12)

Discussion Questions

1. As we live in a world full of conflict, we can easily become addicted to it. And this desire to watch and engage in unhealthy conflict can lead us to do and say things that we probably shouldn't. What are some ways in your life that you are tempted to sin in order to get the win?
2. What are the situations that get you upset the most quickly? What "triggers" you toward anger and frustration? How do you think God wants to grow your faith and spiritual maturity in those situations?
3. What are the situations where your mouth gets you into trouble? Is it gossip? Is it hurtful or thoughtless words? Is it a critical spirit? How do you want to grow with regard to how you use your words to promote peace?
4. Who do you need to love more like Jesus this week? What can you do to view that person more like Jesus does?
5. Share one specific way you want to promote peace this week. It could be in your home, at your workplace, or wherever else you will be this week.