

Study Guide Immovable #4 “The Chaos Of Conflict”

Text: Ephesians 4: 29-32

Conflict is a problem that transcends time and transcends all cultural boundaries. We are prone to chaos in our relationships with one another.

R_____ conflict has the power to dominate your life like no other.

When we get embroiled in conflict, we tend to cut off our nose to spite our face. And when that happens, both sides always lose.

Four ways we can minimize conflict and bring unity in our relationships with one another.

1. Seek to Speak the Empowering T_____.

In the King James, unwholesome talk is translated *corrupt communication*.

This is where much of our conflict begins: when we say things that aren't true — but we say them with the intent to hurt. This is one kind of falsehood that Paul is telling us to abandon once and for all.

2. Deal with You're a_____ Before It Takes Over Your Life.

Your anger is a w_____ signal that something needs to be dealt with. In fact, any negative emotion is a warning signal that something needs to be dealt with.

When you're mad at someone, you've got to deal with it. And the closer that person is to you, the sooner you've got to resolve it.

Most of the time — not every time, but most of the time — when I'm offended and huffy about something, I see that the person who needs to change is m_____.

3. Be the G_____, not the Taker.

When your attitude becomes *What Can I Give?* rather than *What Can I Take?*, most of your petty conflicts will disappear. Ref: 1st Thessalonians 4:11,12

We create a lot of conflict for ourselves when we neglect to carry our own w_____ at work, at home, in our friendships, and every other area. Others can sense our me-first attitude.

4. Make Kindness and Compassion the Key Word of the Day — Every Day.

None of us are in a position to throw the first stone ... ever. When it comes to sin, we're all bear the same stain. We all need

- Speaking the truth in love. The empowering truth.**
- Dealing with your anger and your negative emotions before they take over your life and cause unnecessary damage.**
- Being a giver and not a taker. Carrying your own weight and minding your own business.**

- **Treating others with kindness and compassion, forgiving as Christ forgave you.**