

Biblical Guidelines for Handling Conflicts – Part 1

Preparatory Study 4

Answer the following questions from the Scriptures given, your own or dictionary knowledge, or as your own opinion. Write your answers in the blanks provided.

Part 1 – Defining & Explaining Conflicts

1. Give your definition of an interpersonal conflict.
2. In what way do you feel conflict maybe necessary in a good relationship?
3. What common factors can cause interpersonal conflicts?

Part 2 - Defining & Explaining Conflicts (Cont.)

List some positive results of facing and working through an interpersonal conflict.

Part 3 - Defining & Explaining Conflicts (Cont.)

1. What might some negative results be if conflicts are not faced and worked through?
2. List some lessons we can learn about conflicts from Genesis 3:8.

Part 4 – Causes of Conflicts

From Proverbs 13:10, Isaiah 53:6, and Jeremiah 17:9, identify the primary causes of conflicts and explain what effect each can have.

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Listening Session 4

The following is an outline of the taped presentation. Use the spaces provided and the wide right margin for your own notes. Listen carefully and write out any thoughts that you feel are important for you to record and discuss.

Listen to Audio Session 4 - Part 1

I. Defining & Explaining Conflicts (Part 1)

Conflict:

A. They Are Normal and Necessary for Growth

1. Relationships grow as conflicts are faced and dealt with
2. Loving confrontation is developmental

B. Dangers in Conflicts

1. The "I'm right and you're wrong" attitude - see the example of Cain in Genesis 4
2. Pride produces a blaming attitude - "pride leads to arguments" (Proverbs 13:10, LB)

C. Factors That Keep Us from Honest Confrontation

1. Not wanting to admit when we're wrong
- Matthew 5:9
2. Fear of exposure and disclosure