

# Resolving Conflict

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Do not let conflict get away from you.
- B. The primary deterrent of conflict resolution is pride.
- C. The primary principle to keep in mind to resolve conflict is to refuse to win.

## II. Steps to resolving conflict.

- A. Get together with the other party and identify the problem (it may just be a misunderstanding).
- B. The right attitude is essential.
- C. Brainstorm all possible solutions that might help.
- D. Evaluate solutions.
- E. Figure out responsibilities.
- F. If the process does not work, revisit possible solutions.

## III. Headship is the leadership of love—it is not dictatorial. Headship accomplishes objectives and watches out for the welfare of those involved. (Ephesians 5)

- A. Men need to initiate communication and maintain it just as Christ did.
- B. Spending time in God’s Word will help us most in gaining perspective on how to love our wives.
- C. All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction and righteousness. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, Hebrews 4:12)

### **Application questions:**

- 1. What are the steps to resolving a conflict?  
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- 2. What does proper headship look like?  
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- 3. How is spending time in God’s Word related to loving your wife well?  
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