



The Four Primary Causes of Conflict

1. Poor **Communication**
2. **Differences** in values, goals, gifts, calling, priorities, expectations, interests, or opinions.
3. **Competition** over limited resources, such as time or money.
4. Can be caused or aggravated by sinful **attitudes** and **habits** that lead to sinful words and actions.



God made us to live life to the **fullest**.
(John 10:10)



John 10:10

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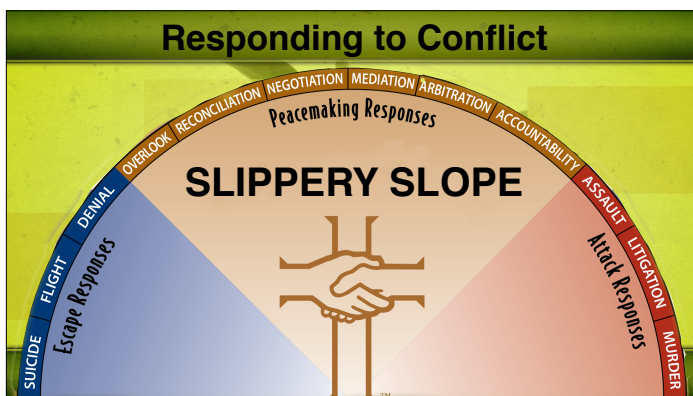
10 The thief enters only to steal, kill, and destroy. I came so that they could have life—indeed, so that they could **live life to the fullest**.

Conflict is not **necessarily** bad.

Conflict is **natural** and it can be **beneficial**.

Unhealthy conflict is an **impediment** to living life to the fullest.

We are being called to a ministry of reconciliation.



Biblical Ways to Deal With Conflict

Surrender to Christ

Colossians 3:12–15

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12 Therefore, as God's choice, holy and loved, put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

Colossians 3:12–15

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13 Be tolerant with each other and, if someone has a complaint against anyone, forgive each other. As the Lord forgave you, so also forgive each other.

Colossians 3:12–15

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14 And over all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.

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15 The peace of Christ must control your hearts—a peace into which you were called in one body. And be thankful people.

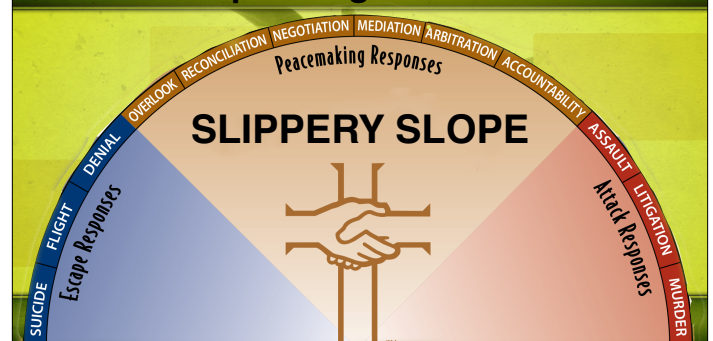
Ephesians 4:3

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3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Make every effort to maintain peace. (Eph. 4:3)

Responding to Conflict





Biblical Ways to Deal With Conflict

1 Corinthians 10:31

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31 So, whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, you should do it all for God's glory.

Glorify God in **everything**. (1 Cor. 10:31)

Ways to Glorify God During Conflict

Romans 12:17–21

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17 Don't pay back anyone for their evil actions with evil actions, but show respect for what everyone else believes is good.

Romans 12:17–21

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18 If possible, to the best of your ability, live at peace with all people.

Romans 12:17–21

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19 Don't try to get revenge for yourselves, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath. It is written, Revenge belongs to me; I will pay it back, says the Lord.

Romans 12:17–21

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20 Instead, If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink. By doing this, you will pile burning coals of fire upon his head.

Romans 12:17–21

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21 Don't be defeated by evil, but defeat evil with good.

Repay evil with **good**. (Rom. 12:17-21)

Philippians 4:4–7

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4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

Philippians 4:4–7

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5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

Philippians 4:4–7

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6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Philippians 4:4–7

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7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Pray and let **God** worry about our troubles. (Phil. 4:4-7)

Colossians 3:1–4

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1 Therefore, if you were raised with Christ, look for the things that are above where Christ is sitting at God's right side.

Colossians 3:1–4

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2 Think about the things above and not things on earth.

Colossians 3:1–4

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3 You died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Colossians 3:1–4

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4 When Christ, who is your life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Focus on **Jesus** and His **grace** to avoid the conflicts of this world.
(Col. 3:1-4)

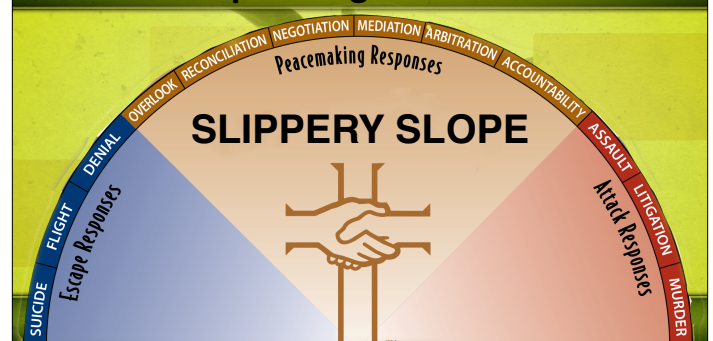
1 Peter 2:12

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Live honorably among the unbelievers. Today, they defame you, as if you were doing evil. But in the day when God visits to judge they will glorify him, because they have observed your honorable deeds.

Live **honorably** among unbelievers.
(1 Pet. 2:12)

Responding to Conflict



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How to Apply

- Attend training classes and seminars.
- Practice, practice, practice.
- Be patient.

