

NSD Notes

For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. (1 Cor. 9:19)
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Services

- Bible Study 10 a.m.
- Morning Service.....11 a.m.
- Evening Service.....6 p.m.
- Wednesday Meeting.....7 p.m.

News @ NSD

WELCOME VISITORS!

Prayer List

- **Ernest Peeples** - deployed in Iraq.
- **Martha Holloway** - recurring back and heart condition.
- **Dema Franklin** – had wrist surgery last Friday.
- Please pray for **Sally Harper's nephew** who continues to have undiagnosed problems.
- Marie Adams – recovering from knee surgery.
- Jeanne Lynne - battling cancer.
- **Continue to pray for Ken Holloway's** brother, Chuck.
- **Cassandra Fredrickson** will be leaving for college next week; please remember to keep her in your prayers.
- Please continue to pray for **Samantha Wilson**.

This is the last week that **Sam and Vicki Barton** will be with us. They leave for Vegas this Thursday.

Sunday Class

Studies in James

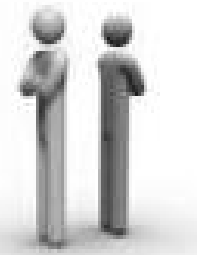
Wednesday Class

Romans 12

Will begin Bible Characters Study soon

CONFLICT RESOLUTION

“Let the love of the brethren continue.” (Hebrews 13:1) “If possible, so far as depends on you, be at peace with all men.” (Romans 12:18) While these are laudable thoughts expressed in these passages of Scripture, we need to face the harsh reality: as long as mankind has existed, there have been conflicts. Regardless of if the number is small (marriage, friendships, etc), medium (organization) or large (corporation, government, etc.) there will be conflicts. Whenever you have two or more people, at some point you will have disagreements. It only stands to reason, we are individuals and as such we are different in so many ways. Which isn't necessarily a bad thing. It simply guarantees that at some point there will be a conflict. God in His infinite wisdom was aware of this fact and as such provided in His Word ample instruction to help us overcome those conflicts in such a manner that would foster growth and move the relationship forward.



In the second chapter of Paul's letter to the Galatians he speaks openly about the conflict that at one time existed between Peter and himself.

In the book of Acts a sharp disagreement rose up between Paul and Barnabas as seen in the later part of chapter 15. Earlier in that same chapter there was a conflict raging in the church on a matter of doctrine that needed to be resolved.

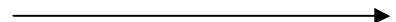


The sixth chapter of 1 Corinthians reveals conflicts among brethren that led them to going to law against one another.

Jesus, in the 18th chapter of Matthew talks about conflict between brethren.

And, the 14th chapter of Romans focuses on disagreements surrounding principles of conscience.

The Bible truly gives ample evidence that conflicts do indeed surface and just because we are in the body of Christ does not make us immune from such. The larger question is how do we resolve them?



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All are welcome to our worship
and study meetings!

*... singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs
with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Col 3:16*

A soft answer turns away wrath,
but a harsh word stirs up anger.

A wrathful man stirs up strife, but
he who is slow to anger allays
contention.

Proverbs 15: 1, 18

He who is slow to anger is better than
the mighty, and he who rules his spirit
than he who takes a city.

Proverbs 16: 32

We pray for strength that our desires may
be fulfilled

But weakness comes and humbles us to
do God's will

We pray for health that we can do some
greater thing

Yet burdens come, to Him we always
cling

God answers prayer today

But in the wisest way

He knows what's best for us

From day to day

R. J. Stevens

[Conflict Resolution]

Naturally the first thing must be the recognition of the problem and the urgency to get it resolved in order to not impinge on anyone's spiritual well being (see **Matt. 5:23-24**). Equally the conflict must be dealt with on a personal level and only with those involved, at least initially (see **Matt. 18:15-17**). Sadly, many who get caught up in conflicts resort to talking behind the backs of others and drag them into the fray. When such does occur, what may have been easily contained is turned into an emotional brush fire that is hard to extinguish.

Prayer must be a major factor in seeking to resolve conflicts. God wants us to cast our anxieties on Him, because He clearly cares for us. In our prayer we should seek for wisdom, humility, gentleness and respect (see **Col. 3:12-15, 4:6**). Seek out counsel as to how best handle the situation. This can be done without mentioning names or getting into specifics.

Take the time to consider the nature of the disagreement. Is it a matter of doctrine or personal preference? Is the disagreement to such a degree that it is bothersome and significant to the point that it needs to be addressed or is it something that must be overcome personally? In other words are you sweating the small stuff?

Consider if you are approaching the situation from the standpoint of a humble servant of God. Speak with gentleness and the utmost of respect (see **Rom. 14:8-13, 1Cor. 13**). Look to encourage and build up not tear down.

The Bulwark, April 12, 2009

A SEVEN POINT COURSE IN HUMAN RELATIONS

The **SIX** Most Important Words: *I admit I made a mistake.*

The **FIVE** Most Important Words: *You did a good job.*

The **FOUR** Most Important Words: *What is your opinion?*

The **THREE** Most Important Words: *If you please.*

The **TWO** Most Important Words: *Thank you.*

The **ONE** Most Important Word: *We*

The **LEAST** Important Word: *I*

ELDERS: Dan Austin, Robyn E. Hamilton

DEACON: Matt Wells

MINISTER: Dan Austin