

Never pay back evil for evil to anyone . . . As much as possible, as far as it depends on you, live in peace with everyone.
Romans 12:17-18

Steps to Resolving Conflict:

1. Take the initiative.

If you're standing before the altar in the Temple, giving an offering to God, and you suddenly remember someone has something against you, leave your offering there beside the altar. Go at once and first be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your gift to God. Matthew 5:23-24

2. Pray for humility and wisdom.

God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.
James 4:6

The tongue of the wise makes knowledge acceptable . . .
Proverbs 15:2

3. Never assume.

Be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.
James 1:19

4. Identify the problem.

Give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. 1 Kings 3:9

5. Own my part of the conflict.

Why do you notice the little piece of dust in your friend's eye, but you don't notice the big piece of wood in your own eye? First, take the wood out of your own eye. Then you will see clearly to take the dust out of your friend's eye. Matthew 7:3, 5

6. Consider their perspective.

A fool does not delight in understanding, but only in revealing his own mind. Proverbs 18:2

Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus. Philippians 2:4-5

7. Speak the truth in love.

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Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing. Proverbs 12:18

8. Fix the problem, not the blame.

You must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.
Colossians 3:8

Let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister. Romans 14:13

9. Focus on reconciliation, not resolution.

Reconciliation: to re-establish the relationship

Resolution: to resolve every issue

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God! Matthew 5:9

10. Trust God.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6

There is only one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and people. He is Christ Jesus. 1 Timothy 2:5

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