

"HOW TO HANDLE DISAGREEMENTS & DIVISIONS"

(Counseling from the pulpit - Session Nine)
(Matthew 18:7)

I. {OFFENSES} WILL HAPPEN

*Matthew 18:7 *Genesis 13:6-9 *II Timothy 3:12
*Matthew 5:10-12 *Matthew 10:34-36 *I Peter 4:12-14

Biblical Example: {Abram & Lot}

My counsel: "Do not be overwhelmed when offenses happen"

II. {SEEK} TO AVOID CONFLICT

*Romans 12:17-19 *Matthew 5:9 *Proverbs 21:9 *Proverbs 21:19
*Acts 15:36-40 *Ephesians 4:30-32 *Proverbs 21:14 *Proverbs 15:1

Biblical Example: {Paul & Barnabas}

My counsel: "Ask God to make you a peacemaker"

III. RESOLVE OFFENSES {QUICKLY} and {CONFIDENTIALLY}

*Matthew 5:23-25a *Matthew 18:15-17 *Ephesians 4:26-27 *Hebrews 12:14-15
*Genesis 21:9-12 *Matthew 12:25 *Luke 17:3-5 *Psalm 133:1-3

Biblical Example: {Sarah & Ishmael}

My counsel: "Biblical forgiveness is essential to spiritual health"

IV. WHEN YOU HAVE OBEYED SCRIPTURES, {LET IT GO}

*Luke 15:11-24 *Ephesians 6:12 *Acts 24:16
*Philippians 3:12-13 *Matthew 5:43-47

Biblical Example: {The father of the Prodigal Son}

My counsel: "Every time you remember an offense, pray for that person"