

## Ep. 1144: Can Biblical Strategies Resolve Serious Conflicts (Part 1)

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See: **CQ**Rewind

- 1. What are some things YOU might do that cause conflict? What is something you can do to prevent those kinds of conflicts? What are some conflicts in your own life that may have been a result of personal pride, impulsivity, resentment or a poor choice of words? (See Isaiah 14:13-14, Genesis 3:6, Genesis 4:5,8-9, John 21:21-23)
- 2. How might conflicts arise as a result of circumstances or from others? How did the Apostle Paul deal with a conflict with Barnabas that was a result of circumstances? What example does this give us? (See Acts 13:3, 15:1-2,36-40, Colossians 4:10-11)
- 3. How can we keep conflict from overwhelming us? Should we just avoid all conflict? Why or why not?
- 4. What is the difference between the following: opinion, preference, passion, principle. How does understanding the definitions between these help us to determine what kind of conflict it is, and then how to deal with that conflict appropriately?
- 5. How can asking a "dishonest" question cause conflict? What example of what not to do did the Pharisees provide in their asking a question about Jesus? (See Mark 2:15-17,24-26, James 3:8-10) When is a time that you may have asked a question not seeking an honest answer? What should you do differently next time?
- 6. What potential problems arise when we believe that we are on the side of "right" and everyone else is on the side of "wrong"? How did the Pharisees' assumption that they were standing on principle by accusing Jesus of not being from God eliminate the ability for them to see who Jesus really was? (See Mark 3:1-2,6, James 3:14-16)
- 7. When is it appropriate to remove ourselves from a relationship with someone we are in conflict with? What reasoning needs to be in place in order for this action to be appropriate? (See Romans 16:17-18, Titus 3:10, Mark 12:12-14, James 4:1-3)
- 8. If we cannot come to a common ground with someone we are in conflict with, is vengeance ever justified? (See Ephesians 4:14, John 11:47-50,53, James 4:4)
- 9. Have you ever found yourself seeking revenge against someone you were in conflict with? How did that turn out and what should you do differently next time? (See James 4:7-10, Colossians 3:12-14, Joshua 24:15)
- 10. What are the reasons for some of the conflicts in your own life? How might you better use the Scriptures to not only understand the source of conflict, but to respond differently as a result?

