

# Study QUESTIONS

## Ep. 1146: Can Biblical Strategies Resolve Serious Conflicts? (Part II)

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### Stage #1 - The Remedy Stage: The desire is to fix the problem.

1. What are the three characteristics of this stage? What should be our response to conflict at this point? (See James 4:7) How should we NOT respond at this early stage of conflict? How can we avoid escalating the conflict? (See Ephesians 4:15-16, Romans 12:9)
2. What is the definition of *agape* love? How does that apply to all the stages of conflict?

### Stage #2 - The Repositioning Stage: Looking for who caused the problem. Placing blame!

3. What are the three characteristics of this stage? How are they different from the first stage? What should be our response to conflict at this point? (See James 4:7) What should we DO; what should we NOT do?
4. What are two ways we can respond during this stage? (See 1 Corinthians 8:4,7-8, 1:11-13)
5. Why is it a good idea to remember these references if we continue to be met with an ungodly response? (See Romans 12:10-11, 2 Corinthians 5:18, James 3:17)

### Stage #3 - The Rights Stage: I'm right! You're wrong!

6. What are the four characteristics of this stage? How is each stage escalating? What should our response to conflict be now? (See James 4:7)
7. What is Paul saying in 1 Corinthians 2:1,2,5? How does this frame our approach at this stage? (See Romans 12:12-16)
8. Should we be surprised if we meet an ungodly "rights stance"? How should we respond? (See Matthew 10:22, 24:9)

### Stage #4 - The Removal Stage: Get rid of those people!

9. What has happened to the characteristics in this stage?
10. Is there ever a reason for conflicting parties to separate for the common good? (See Romans 16:17-18, Titus 3:10)
11. According to James 4:8, a way to respond to conflict is to "*cleanse our hands... purify our hearts.*" How do we do this? (See Galatians 2:11-14, Matthew 18:15-18)
12. What should our response be if our godly approach is met with ungodly and untruthful statements? (See Romans 12:17-18)

### Stage #5 - The Revenge Stage: Make someone pay! (The sorry result of godless thinking.)

13. If we have descended into this stage and come to realize it, what should our response be? (See James 4:9)
14. How should we react if we are on the *receiving end* of the revenge stage? (See Romans 12:17-21, Matthew 23:37, James 4:10) What example did Stephen provide and what can we learn from it? (See Acts 6:8-15, 7:1-60)
15. Why is it important to humbly reflect on our responses to conflict? (See Ephesians 4:31,32, Romans 8:28, Matthew 5:1-16, Colossians 1:27, 2 Peter 1:3-11)