

How to Deal with Conflict

3 John 9-11

STAGES OF CONTROL THAT CAUSE CONFLICT

1. RESISTANCE

"...but Diotrephes...will not pay any attention to what I say." (3 John 9, GNB)

2. CRITICISM

"This is why, if I come, I will remind him of the works he is doing, slandering us with malicious words..." (3 John 10, HCSB)

3. ISOLATION

"...And he is not satisfied with that! He not only refuses to welcome the brothers himself, but he even stops those who want to do so and expels them from the church." (3 John 10, HCSB)

4. CONTROL

"...he even stops those who want to do so and expels them from the church." (3 John 10, HCSB)

PRINCIPLES OF CONFLICT RESOLUTION

1. It is always more rewarding to SOLVE a conflict than to DISSOLVE a relationship.

"This is why, if I come..." (3 John 10, HCSB)

"Better an open reprimand than concealed love." (Proverbs 27:5, HCSB)

2. Expose lies with the truth.

"...I will remind him of the works he is doing, slandering us with malicious words..." (3 John 10, HCSB)

3. End conflict on a good setting.

"Dear friend, do not imitate what is evil, but what is good. The one who does good is of God; the one who does evil has not seen God." (3 John 11, HCSB)