

HOW TO REDUCE CONFLICT WITH OTHERS

Philippians 2:1-8

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"...make my joy complete by being likeminded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose." (vs.2)

1. DEFUSE **COMPETITION** (vs. 3a)

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition..."

"Never act from motives of rivalry..." (PH)

"There must be no competition among you..." (JB)

"What causes fights and quarrels? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You want something but you don't get it." James 4:1-2

1st Cause of Conflict: **Competing Desires**

2. DELETE **CONCEIT** (vs. 3b)

"Do nothing out of vain conceit."

"Never act from motives of personal vanity" (PH)

"Don't do anything...from a cheap desire to boast" (GN)

"Pride only breeds quarrels." Prov. 13:10

2nd Cause of Conflict: **Personal Pride**

3. DECREASE **CRITICISM** (vs. 3c)

"...in humility consider others better than yourselves."

Definition: Humility is not thinking less of yourself, but rather –
not thinking of yourself at all.

James 4:11-12

3rd Cause of Conflict: **Fail to Value Others**

4. DEMONSTRATE **CONSIDERATION** (vs. 4)

"Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others."

"Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives...so that nothing will hinder your prayers." 1 Peter 3:7

4th Cause of Conflict: **Insensitive to Other's Needs**

5. DEVELOP **CHRIST-LIKENESS** (vs.5)

"Your attitude should be the same as that of Jesus Christ."

Vs. 6

Vs. 7

Vs. 8

5th Cause of Conflict: **Living With Out Christ**

"Do your best to preserve the unity which the Spirit gives, by the peace that binds you together." Eph. 4:3 (GN)