

FIVE TIPS TO WORK THROUGH CONFLICT



1. Pray

James 1:5 - “⁵If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.”



2. Think the best of people

Romans 12:18 - “¹⁸If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.”



3. Seek wise counsel

Proverbs 12:15 - “¹⁵The way of fools seems right to them, but the wise listen to advice.”



4. Go to the source

Matthew 5:23-24 - “²³Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.”



5. Seek first to understand, then to be understood

Philippians 2:3-4 - “³Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.”



Helpful mindsets

- Focus on one issue rather than many issues.
- Focus on the problem rather than the person.
- Focus on behavior rather than character.
- Focus on specifics rather than generalizations.
- Focus on facts rather than judgment of motive.