

## HOW TO HAVE A HAPPY HOME

Mark 3:25

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Mark 3:25 *"If a family divides itself into groups which fight each other, that family will fall apart." "A home filled with strife and division destroys itself."*

### 1. THE REASON FOR CONFLICT

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

The cause of conflict: **Competing desires which is selfishness**

### 2. THE REACTIONS TO CONFLICT

" My Way"      " No Way"      " Your Way"      " Half Way"      " Our Way"

### 3. THE RESOLUTION TO CONFLICT

- **BECOME A MATURE BELIEVER**

*"As parts of the same Body, our anger against each other has disappeared, for both of us have been reconciled to God. And so the feud has ended at the cross." Eph. 2:16*

- **TALK TO GOD ABOUT THE CONFLICT.**

*"You quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God." James 4:2*

- **ANALYZE THE ISSUE**

*"Why, then, do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, and pay no attention to the log in your own eye? ...Take the log out of your own eye first, and then you will be able to see and take the speck out of your brother's eye." Matt. 7:3 (GN)*

### 4. SCHEDULE A PEACE COFERENCE

*"IF... you remember your brother has something against you, leave your gift in front of the altar and go at once to make peace with your brother, then come back and offer your gift to God." Matt. 5:23-24 (GN)*

Choose the right time

Choose the right place

## 5. ESTABLISH GROUND RULES

*"The fool who provokes his family to anger and resentment will finally have nothing worthwhile left." Prov. 11:29 (LB)*

### "Fighting Fair"

Never compare	Never condemn	Never command	Never challenge
Never condescend	Never contradict	Never confuse	

## 6. SWITCH YOUR FOCUS

*"Each of you should look out not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus." Phil. 2:4-5*

## 7. ASK FOR ADVICE

*"Conceited people do not like to be corrected. They never ask for advice from those who are wiser." Prov. 15:12 (GN)*

*"If you refuse to learn, you are hurting yourself..." Pr. 15:32 (GN)*

## 8. DON'T GIVE UP

Galatians 6:9 *"Let us not grow weary in doing good for at the proper time we will reap harvest if we do not give up"*

### Four stages of Conflict resolution

1. Recognition
2. Reaction.
3. Resolution.
4. Resolve