



"Never pay back evil for evil to anyone... As much as possible, as far as it depends on you, live in peace with everyone." Romans 12:17-18 NLT

The Damage of Unresolved Conflict:

- It BLOCKS MY FELLOWSHIP with God.

"If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar." 1 John 4:20 NIV

"Love God with all your heart... and love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22:36-39 ESV

- It hinders my PRAYERS.

- It hinders my HAPPINESS.

The 1st step in resolving conflict is TAKE THE INITIATIVE.

A,B,C'S of taking the initiative. I have to deal with...

- A. My FEAR OF CONFLICT.**

"I heard you in the garden; and I was afraid because I was naked, and so I hid." Genesis 3:10 NIV

"For God did not give us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power and love and self discipline." 2 Timothy 1:7 NLT

- B. My TIMING.**

"If you're standing before the altar in the Temple, giving an offering to God, and you suddenly remember someone has something against you, leave your offering there beside the altar. Go at once and first be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your gift to God." Matt. 5:23-24 NLT

Four Suggestions for setting up a sit-down meeting:

- 1) Choose the right TIME.
- 2) Choose the right PLACE.
- 3) PRAY before the meeting.
- 4) Come with a POSITIVE ATTITUDE.

C. What to do in the sit-down meeting. (Next week's talk!)