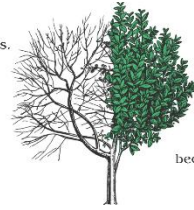


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Wisdom for Resolving Conflict | Proverbs 24:17-18

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S U M M A R Y

This past weekend in our Proverbs series we looked at wisdom for dealing with anger and resolving conflict.

R E A D

Proverbs 24:17-18

Pause. Take time to prayerfully consider what has been read.

D I S C U S S

The reality is that we will inevitably be dealing with relational conflict and feelings of anger throughout our lives. Proverbs offers us ways to navigate these difficult times in a way that strengthens relationships and keeps us from being imprisoned by chronic anger or bitterness.

- 1) Why is there a constant need to be aware of relational conflict?
- 2) Why is it important to be diligent in this regard?
- 3) Why do we find happiness in someone else's unhappiness when we're in conflict with them?
- 4) What's the danger in leaving that unchecked?

We talked about 4 parts of effective conflict resolution: Resist superiority. Release from liability. Overcome evil with good. Confront as necessary.

- 5) What parts of this do you find most difficult?
- 6) How have you practiced these steps in the past?
- 7) Can you think of a time when you did not resolve a conflict well?

- 8) How would have walking this process potentially changed the outcome?
- 9) What does it look like to rely on God for the strength to carry this out? How does the gospel speak to our motive for relational reconciliation?
- 10) In light of Jesus, what does it mean when the scriptures say, "vengeance belongs to God"?

R E S P O N D

Is there a relational conflict that you're dealing with right now? Is there someone making you angry? How can we pray for one another as we seek to be wise relationally? What accountability would be helpful in honoring God with how we're handling conflict?

*Share how the Spirit is inviting you to respond today and the week to come – to **be with** Jesus, to **become like** Jesus, or to **do what** Jesus does.*

P R A Y

Pray for wisdom in our relationships, particularly the ones where there is conflict.

Take time to wait and pray together. What is Jesus praying for? Come into agreement with His prayers.

