

FUNDAMENTALS OF CONFRONTATION

1 Timothy 5:1-2

Radically Ordinary

Background

³⁴ "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

John 13:34-35

¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. ²¹ And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister. 1

John 4:19-21

1 Timothy 5

¹ Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but exhort him as if he were your father. Treat younger men as brothers,
² older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity

Advice regarding 7 relationships

1. Older saints (5:1-2)
2. Widows (5:3-16)
 - a) Older (5:3-10)
 - b) Younger (5:11-16)
3. Church leaders (5:17-25)
4. Servants (6:1-2)
5. Trouble makers (6:3-5)
6. Those who are rich (6:6-19)
7. The intellectuals (6:20-21)

Biblical view of Conflict

1. Conflict is inevitable
2. Conflict isn't always a bad thing
3. What happens when conflict is avoided
4. The goal of biblical confrontation
 - a) Obedience to the Holy Spirit
 - b) Spiritual health in the family
 - c) The enhancement of the reflection of the Glory of God

Instruction

1. The prohibition
2. The guidelines
 - a) Older men
 - b) Younger men
 - c) Older Women
 - d) Younger Women
3. The problem
 - a) Today
 - b) In the 1st century
4. The solution

2 Timothy 3:1-5

¹But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days.
²People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, ⁴treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—⁵having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people.

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Who does What

1. Your responsibility
 - a) Positive
 - b) Negative
2. God's responsibility

So What

- Why do we distance ourselves from conflict as much as possible?
- Are you living truthfully in your relationships?
- Do your relationships within the body of Christ strengthen the witness of the church or harm it?