

## **My Family Fights Fair And Everybody Wins**

### **7 Facts About Conflict**

#### **Ephesians 4:26-27 (NASB)**

**26 Be angry, and yet do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger,**

**27 and do not give the devil an opportunity.**

#### **Ephesians 4:26-27 (MSG)**

**26-27 Go ahead and be angry. You do well to be angry—but don't use your anger as fuel for revenge. And don't stay angry. Don't go to bed angry. Don't give the Devil that kind of foothold in your life.**

Have you ever met somebody that would do anything to win? No matter how unfair, low or hurtful, their attitude is win at all cost. Unfortunately, that mentality often finds its way into our family relationships. When this happens, we end up winning the battle and losing the war. Because, whether you know it or not, there is a war for your family.

Conflict is a normal part of any healthy relationship. After all, two, three or even five people can't be expected to agree on everything, all the time. Learning how to deal with conflict, rather than avoiding it is crucial. When conflict is mismanaged, it can cause great harm to a family relationship, but when handled in a respectful, positive way, that honors God, conflict provides an opportunity to strengthen the bond between the entire family. With this in mind, let's examine:

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#### **Hebrews 10:32-33 (NASB)**

**32 But remember the former days, when, after being enlightened, you endured a great conflict of sufferings,**

**33 partly by being made a public spectacle through reproaches and tribulations, and partly by becoming sharers with those who were so treated.**

- 1. Realize Conflict Occurs in every family**

**Amos 3:3 (AMP)**

**3 Do two walk together except they make an appointment and have agreed?**

- 2. Realize Conflict distracts you from your dreams and goals**

**Proverbs 18:21 (NASB)**

**21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue,  
And those who love it will eat its fruit.**

- 3. Realize conflict is always caused by wrong words (**

**1 Kings 2:5-6 (MSG)**

**5-6 “And don’t forget what Joab son of Zeruah did to the two commanders of Israel’s army, to Abner son of Ner and to Amasa son of Jether. He murdered them in cold blood, acting in peacetime as if he were at war, and has been stained with that blood ever since. Do what you think best with him, but by no means let him get off scot-free—make him pay.**

- 4. Realize conflict continues to fester when ignored (**

**Genesis 3:2-4 (NASB)**

**2 The woman said to the serpent, “From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat;**

**3 but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.'"**

**4 The serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die!**

**5. Realize wrong relationships increase conflict**

**1 Samuel 17:54-57 (NASB)**

**54 Then David took the Philistine's head and brought it to Jerusalem, but he put his weapons in his tent.**

**55 Now when Saul saw David going out against the Philistine, he said to Abner the commander of the army, "Abner, whose son is this young man?" And Abner said, "By your life, O king, I do not know."**

**56 The king said, "You inquire whose son the youth is."**

**57 So when David returned from killing the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul with the Philistine's head in his hand.**

**6. Realize your response to conflict will be a bridge or a barricade to your future**

**Romans 12:18 (NASB)**

**18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.**

**7. Realize conflict always has a cure**