

Taking Note

Pastor Tim Layfield / June 26, 2022

Text: James 1:19-21 NIV

Benefits of Godly Conflict Management

1. The happiness and health of OTHERS

“The tongue can bring death or life.” Proverbs 18:21 NLT

- *What words are you speaking into others?*
- *Do your words breathe life?*
- *Are the words you are using bringing death to others?*

2. The happiness and health of OURSELVES

“Watch your tongue and keep your mouth shut, and you will stay out of trouble.” Proverbs 21:23 NLT

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1. Take note of our LISTENING.

- *Are you listening to God?*

“All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.” 2 Timothy 3:16-17 NLT

- *Are you listening to OTHERS?*

2. Take note of our SPEAKING.

- Think before you speak.

“Those who control their tongue will have a long life; opening your mouth can ruin everything.” Proverbs 13:3 NLT

Ask yourself before you speak:

- *Do I need to say this?*
- *Is what I want to say going to help or hurt?*
- *What’s my motive for saying this?*

Always speak **redemptively**. Speak with grace and peace.

3. Take note of our ANGER.

“Because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.” James 1:20 NLT

Let’s Get Off the Escalator!

When things get heated, when you feel yourself getting heated, commit to never escalate the situation.

How...

- You don’t raise your voice.
- Finish the conversation by calmly listening.
- You speak redemptively.
- You agree to disagree agreeably.

Remember this: *The anger of man and the righteousness of God DO NOT MIX!*

4. Take note of our SIN.

“But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.” 1 John 1:9 NLT

5. Take note of our PRIDE.

“Humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.” James 1:21 NLT

Humbly embrace the Word of God:

- That you have been taught
- That you have read
- That you have experienced
- That you have seen in others

And in doing so you will:

- Save yourself from trouble
- Save yourself from broken friendships
- Save yourself from loneliness
- Gain depth to life, love and relationships

God’s desire is that you live life with others. To do that effectively we must Take Note!



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