



How To Have A Good Fight

“Be angry, and do not sin: do not let
the sun go down on your wrath,”
Ephesians 4:26

Building A Foundation

- *Problems will always exist in relationships but how we deal with them will determine the strength of our relationship.*
 - *We will either set a brick in a stronger foundation*
or
 - *We will set a brick in a wall between us.*
 - *Romans 12:18 “If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.”*
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Basic Principles To Resolve Problems

■ Self-Discipline

- 1 Corinthians 9:27 *"But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified."*

■ Self-Control

- 2 Peter 1:6 *"to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness,"*

■ Sacrifice

- Romans 12:1 *"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service."*

■ Forgiveness

- Matthew 6:15 *"But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."*

■ Love

- 1 John 4:7 *"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God."*

Describe Actions Not Motives

- **No one knows what is in someone else's mind**
 - 1 Corinthians 2:11 *"For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? ..."*
 - **God asked Saul even though He knew**
 - Acts 9:4 *"Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?""*
 - **We would have been wrong with Saul**
 - 1 Timothy 1:13 *"although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief."*
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Guard Your Tongue

- **Proverbs 21:19** *"Better to dwell in the wilderness, Than with a contentious and angry woman."*
 - **Proverbs 21:23** *"Whoever guards his mouth and tongue Keeps his soul from troubles."*
 - **Proverbs 26:21** *"As charcoal is to burning coals, and wood to fire, So is a contentious man to kindle strife."*
 - **James 1:26** *"If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless."*
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Understand The Problem

- **Proverbs 18:13** *"He who answers a matter before he hears it, It is folly and shame to him. "*
 - **James 1:19** *"So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath;"*
 - **1 Peter 3:7** *"Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered."*
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Don't Bring Up Old Problems

- **When God Forgives A Transgression It Is Gone Not To Be Brought Up Again**
 - **Psalm 103:12** *"As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us. "*
 - **Isaiah 44:22** *"I have blotted out, like a thick cloud, your transgressions, And like a cloud, your sins. Return to Me, for I have redeemed you." "*
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Resolve The Problem-Find Mutual Solution

- **Matthew 5:9** *"Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God. "* (Matthew 5:9, NKJV)
 - **Romans 14:19** *"Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another."*
 - **Acts 15:37-40** *"Now Barnabas was determined to take with them John called Mark. But Paul insisted that they should not take with them the one who had departed from them in Pamphylia, and had not gone with them to the work. Then the contention became so sharp that they parted from one another. And so Barnabas took Mark and sailed to Cyprus; but Paul chose Silas and departed, being commended by the brethren to the grace of God."*
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