

# Woodchips & Food Fights

“Resolving Everyday Conflict” series

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## PEACEMAKING RESPONSES

### G-1: Go to Higher Ground – Glorify God

1 Corinthians 10:31, John 17:1-23

### G-2: Get Real – **Get the Log out of Your Eye** Matthew 7:1-5

## PLANK-CHECKING (Self-evaluation)

### Assessing **Accurately**

#### Intellectual Honesty

“Don’t judge me!” – justifying sin

#### Peace **Breakers**

“I shouldn’t judge!” – refusing to stand for God’s word

#### Peace **Fakers**

*Do I have an...*

Overly **Sensitive** Attitude?

Then... **Overlook** Minor Offenses

*Am I blinded by my own...*

### **Sinful** Behavior?

- Using Your Tongue as a Weapon
- Controlling Others

- Breaking Your Word
- Failing to Respect Authority
- Forgetting the Golden Rule

### The Golden Response

– People tend to treat you the way you treat them.

- Idols – **Idol Building**

### I **Desire**

### I **Demand**

### I **Judge**

### I **Punish**

Then use X-Ray Questions

*...first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.*

Matthew 7:5

## HOMEWORK

**Pray back a Psalm like this.**

<sup>4</sup>Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths; <sup>5</sup>guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. Psalm 25:4-5

**Use X-ray questions on your own heart.**

**Are you still committed to glorifying God?**

**Is there nothing you could have done/said differently to steer away from the trouble you have now?**

**Is your conscience/Holy Spirit pointing to some issue you need to address first?**