

No 'ifs,' 'ands,' or 'buts.'

"Resolving Everyday Conflict" series

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PEACEMAKING RESPONSES

G-1: Go to Higher Ground – Glorify God Remember what is most important during a conflict. 1 Corinthians 10:31, John 17:1-23

G-2: Get Real – (Get the Log Out of Your Eye) Take responsibility for your contribution to a conflict. Matthew 7:1-5

Assessing Accurately – How big is the plank in my eye?

ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY (Self-evaluation)

Make a **Good** Confession

⁴Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths; ⁵guide 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

²³Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. ²⁴See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Psalm 139:23-24 NIV

Confession is **Commanded**

James 5:16

Confession brings **Relief**

Proverbs 28:13, Psalm 32:1-5

Seven "A"s – Making a Good Confession

A1 – Address Everyone Involved

A2 – Avoid 'ifs,' 'ands,' or 'buts'

A3 – Admit Specifically

A4 – Acknowledge the Hurt

A5 – Accept the Consequences

A6 – Alter (change) your Behavior

A7 – Ask for Forgiveness

*Forgiveness is a **Decision**
that I will not let this incident harm us any further.*

Allow **Time**

WARNING: THIS IS NOT A PROGRAM!

HOMEWORK

Review the Seven "A"s & start using them.

Review Ps. 25 & 139 this week to memorize them.

When you sense tension or trouble in a relationship, pray Ps. 25 & 139 back to God first – make sure you've dealt with your own planks first.