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The Conflict: Is it Worth the Fight?

Matthew 7:1-6

I. What Is the Issue?

A. There are two kinds of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_: material and personal.

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: This involves a battle over things (Lk. 12:13-15).

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: This involves issues between people (Acts 15:36-39).

B. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is evidence of bitterness.

1. Stick with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ issue at hand.

2. We must ask, “Is this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ fighting over?”

3. Dealing with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ issue usually settles all the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ issues as well.

II. Can It Be Overlooked?

A. Scripture teaches that there are some things we can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Prov. 17:14; 19:11; 1 Pt. 4:8; Eph. 4:32).

B. Be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to anger (Ps. 103:8-10).

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: A strong feeling of displeasure and belligerence aroused by a real or supposed wrong.

2. Show \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, compassion.

C. When do we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ matters?

1. When there has not been a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ created between us.

2. When no serious harm has been done to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Christ or others.

III. How Do We Check Our Attitude?

A. “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord always” (Phil. 4:4).

B. “Let your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ be known to all” (Phil. 4:5).

C. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Matt. 7:6)

1. “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”: We get laden down with cares.

2. We must \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to put off the sin and put on righteousness (Prov. 4:22-24).

B. The results will be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Matt.7:7)

1. This peace cannot be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. This peace will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our hearts and minds from further selfish thinking.

C. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on Christ (Matt 7:8; Prov. 11:27).

IV. What About My rights?

A. Where would we be if Christ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on His rights?

B. We can use our rights in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ way.

1. To avoid a moral \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. To take an unfair \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of others

C. Our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ MUST be: (Mt. 7:12)

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It is never right to break the law to get what we want.

2. Bring \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to God (1 Cor. 10:31-33).

D. Rights are not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_; they are privileges (Phil. 2:3-4). “Will exercising my rights…

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God by showing the gospel?

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God’s Kingdom or mine?

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ someone else?

4. Be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for my wellbeing?