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Going Home – Sermon #2
Resolving Conflict In Your Family
Matthew 5:21-24 (Page 684) and Selected Passages

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SCRIPTURE - **Mark 3:25 page 709** "A home filled with strife and division destroys itself." "If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand."

1. THE _____ FOR UNRESOLVED CONFLICT.

➤ Reason #1 – _____.

SCRIPTURE - **James 4:1 page 855** "Do you know where your fights and arguments come from? They come from the selfish desires that war within you."

1. *Selfishness* causes conflict because we are focused on our _____ instead of our family's needs.

2. *Selfishness* causes conflict because we devalue our _____.

➤ Reason #2 – _____.

SCRIPTURE – **Matthew 6:12 page 685** "Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors..."

2. REACTIONS THAT INCREASE _____.

➤ Reaction #1 – Out-of-control _____.

SCRIPTURE – **Matthew 5:22a page 684** "I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to the judgment..."

➤ Reaction #2 – An out-of-control _____.

SCRIPTURE – **Matthew 5:22b page 684** "...anyone who says to his brother, 'Raca,' is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell."

- *Reaction #3* – Turning on the _____.
- *Reaction #4* – Getting out the _____.
- *Reaction #5* – Winning at any _____.

3. PRACTICAL STEPS TO _____ CONFLICT. (Matthew 5:21-24 page 684)

- *Step #1* – Resolve your conflict with _____.
SCRIPTURE – **Matthew 5:23 page 684** "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar..."
- *Step #2* – Pray for God's _____ to your conflicts.
SCRIPTURE – **Matthew 5:23 page 684** "...if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you..."
- *Step #3* – Resolve conflicts _____.
SCRIPTURE – **Matthew 5:22 & 24 page 684** "If you remember your brother has something against you, leave your gift at the altar and **go at once** to make peace and then come back and offer your gift to God."

1. Unresolved conflict in our homes affects our _____.
2. Unresolved conflict in our homes hinders our _____.

- *Step #4* – Ask God to help you _____ your anger.
SCRIPTURE – **Matthew 5:22a page 684** "...anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to the judgment..."

1. The Bible tells us to _____ to get angry.
SCRIPTURE – **James 1:19 page 854** "My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry..."

2. The Bible tells us "not to _____" in your anger.
SCRIPTURE – **Ephesians 4:26 page 829** "In your anger do not sin..."

3. The Bible tells us to deal with our anger before _____.
SCRIPTURE – **Ephesians 4:26 page 829** "Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry,...."

- *Step #5* – Watch what you _____.
SCRIPTURE – **Matthew 5:22b page 684** "...anyone who says to his brother 'Raca,' is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell."

1. Do not push the _____ buttons.
2. Do not use _____ language and dirty talk.

KEY POINT TO REMEMBER – Forgive and move

_____.
SCRIPTURE – **Matthew 5:23,24 page 684** "...if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift."

1. Moving forward requires _____ the problem.
2. Moving forward requires _____ with the offended person.
3. Moving forward requires spiritual _____ – then moving on.