# This Is The Life (The Book of Philippians) Conquering Conflict (Part 2)

Philippians 4:1-3

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#### **Bottom Line:**

The church is to be a place where believers put aside petty differences and disagreements, and focus on the greater task ahead of changing the world for Christ!

### Top Conflict Igniters:

1) To allow anger, pride, or stubborness to cause or <u>inflate</u> problems. Galatians 5:22-23; Colossians 3:13

#### **Communication Cure:**

I will reject <u>excuses</u> and rationalizing when it comes to allowing pride, anger, or unforgiveness to get in the way of Christ-like communication.

2) To say things that publicly <u>demean</u> or embarrass others. Ephesians 4:29

#### **Communication Cure:**

I will treat others with <u>respect</u>, reflecting the love of God and His image that is stamped on others.

3) To utilize <u>destructive</u> language with others concerning a relational problem you are having. James 3:6-8

#### **Communication Cure:**

I will go <u>directly</u> to the person that I have an issue with and confront in love.

4) To speak to others in an unkind or rude manner.

1 Corinthians 13:5; Ephesians 4:32

#### **Communication Cure:**

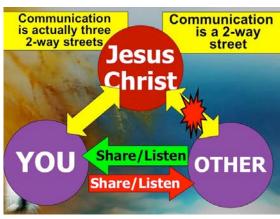
I will treat others in my communication <u>better</u> than I would want to be treated.

5) To quickly and harshly \_\_\_\_\_ the actions of others. Matthew 7:3-5

## **Communication Cure: I will not allow a**

complaining spirit to be manifest in my conversations about others.

6) To neglect laying a foundation of



and encouragement as I converse with others.

**James 3:10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:11** 

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I will intentionally and sincerely saturate my relationships with words of \_\_\_\_\_ and encouragement.

7) To \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_ in a disagreement with someone (negating self-control & your ability to listen). James 1:19; Proverbs 15:1; Proverbs 18:13



## **Communication Cure: I will maintain**

communication, composure, and actions in spite of the ungodly actions of others.

To be continued....