

Extreme Home Makeover for Families

Part 2

How To Live In Harmony

Mark 3:25 If a family divides itself into groups which fight each other, that family will fall apart. Similarly, a family splintered by feuding will fall apart.

What is the Cause of Conflict?

James 4:1-2 What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Don't they come from the evil desires at war within you? You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have, but you can't get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them.

What are the Responses to Conflict...

"My Way"

"No Way"

"Your Way"

"Half Way"

"Our Way"

How to Resolve Conflicts:

1. Be Spirit filled

Ephesians 2:16 Together as one body, Christ reconciled both groups to God by means of his death on the cross, and our hostility toward each other was put to death.

2. Talk to God about the conflict

James 4:2 Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it.

3. Evaluate the problem

Matthew 7:3 Why, then, do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, and pay no attention to the log in your own eye? ...Take the log out of your own eye first, and then you will be able to see and take the speck out of your brother's eye.

4. Set a private meeting time

Matthew 5:23-24 IF... you remember your brother has something against you, leave your gift in front of the altar and go at once to make peace with your brother, then come back and offer your gift to God.

5. Set ground rules

Proverbs 11:29 The fool who provokes his family to anger and resentment will finally have nothing worthwhile left.

6. Focus on what God desires

Philippians 2:4-5 Each of you should look out not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus.

7. Ask for help

Proverbs 5:12 Conceited people do not like to be corrected. They never ask for advice from those

who are wiser.

Proverbs 15:32 If you refuse to learn, you are hurting yourself...

8. Don't give up

Galatians 6:9 So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.

Wednesday ABF:

How to Have Healthy Relationships

Saturday:

The Heart of Parenting & Teaching 9AM-1PM

Sunday:

Raising Great Kids in a Mixed Up World