

HOW TO REDUCE CONFLICT WITH OTHERS

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The ostrich method - ignore the conflict.

The cowboy method – an old fashioned shoot out.

The escapist method – conflict avoidance.

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One of the meanings of the term devil is “splitter.” He wants to separate us from God. He wants to split us from the Lord and he wants to separate and split us from each other.

God is a gatherer – gathering people to himself and uniting them to one another.

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Philippians 2:1-2

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- Be like minded.
- Have the same love.
- Be one in the Spirit.
- Be one in purpose.

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1. DEFUSE COMPETITION.

Philippians 2:3

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition" (NIV)

"Never act from motives of rivalry." (Phillips)

"There must be no competition among you." (Jerusalem Bible)

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What causes fights and quarrels? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You want something but you don't get it.
James 4:1-2

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2. DELETE CONCEIT.
Philippians 2:3

“Do nothing out of vain conceit.” (NIV)

“Never act from motives of personal vanity.” (Phillips)

“Don't do anything from a cheap desire to boast.”
(Good News Bible)

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Humility is the honest truth and that's
why it is so important.

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Do not think of yourself more highly
than you ought, but rather think of
yourself with sober judgment.

Romans 12:3

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I am no more important than others and
I am no less important than others.

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3. DECREASE CRITICISM

"...in humility consider others better than
yourselves." Philippians 2:3

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“The wart is not the whole frog.”
One fault is not the whole person.

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I cannot build my house by knocking
down someone else's house.
We don't build ourselves up by tearing
others down.
Are you a down-grader or an
up-builder?
People who belittle people be little
people.

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4. DEMONSTRATE CONSIDERATION

“Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.” Philippians 2:4

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“...each one should carry his own load.” Galatians 6:5

Carry each other's burdens and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”
Galatians 6:2

“Cast all your cares on Him for he cares for you.” I Peter 5:7

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Jesus said that to be great in his kingdom we must learn to be “the servant of all.”

Mark 9:35

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Servanthood is a mindset, an attitude, an outlook. Wherever you are, in whatever situation in which you find yourself, you ask the question,
“How can I help? Is there anything I can do to make things better?”

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5. DEVELOP CHRIST-LIKENESS.

“Your attitude should be the same as that of Jesus Christ.” Philippians 2:5

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God knew what he was doing from the very beginning. He decided from the outset to shape the lives of those who love him along the same lines as the life of his Son. We see the original and intended shape of our lives in him [Christ].

Romans 8:29 (The Message)

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- Defuse competition.
- Delete conceit.
- Decrease criticism.
- Demonstrate consideration.
- Develop Christ-likeness.

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