

## Always Preaching



## ing Through Conflict

*Ps. 139: 23 & 24 - Search me, O God, and know my heart: Try me and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*

Conflict is a part of life and because of that reality, we must be ready to learn from the disagreements we may have with others. One of the greatest ways to grow through conflict is to first take time alone and pray.

Rather than acting out in anger in those first moments of an argument, stop and retreat to your corners. During those few moments, in a quiet place, spend time in prayer to the Lord. Don't simply pray that your spouse, friend or child will realize the error of their ways, but pray for your own heart to be changed. Ask the hard questions of God, "Was there something I did wrong?" "How could I have responded better?" No matter the circumstance, we are all prone to mistake and should be honest in evaluating ourselves.

After those moments of prayer and reflection, we can stand under the grace of God realizing His love is still upon us through Christ. When we stand in that reality, we are then in a better place to extend that grace and love to the one whom we are conflicting with. This way of processing conflict can help us all to grow through an argument rather than allowing an argument to hurt a relationship.

**Life Lesson: When you are praying through conflict, be open to correction, ready for instruction and grounded in grace.**

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## The Clock Is Ticking

For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

1 John 3:8b

Recommended Reading

Revelation 12:10-12

In athletic games that are played for a set number of minutes, like basketball and football, the closer the clock gets to the final seconds, the more intense the play becomes. In fact, coaches practice plays to use when time has almost expired. Immediacy increases intensity in athletics—and in spiritual warfare.

The world may never have been in more dire straits than it is now. Revelation 12:12 tells us that the devil “knows that he has [ but ] a short time” left to disrupt God’s plans on earth. It should come as no surprise that the closer we get to the end of the age and the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, the more Satan will increase his activity. Wars, discord, disease, strife, immorality, and more are evidence of Satan’s work. But what Jesus started when He came the first time—destroying the works of the devil—will be concluded when He comes again.

The great hope of the Christian is that one day we, and the world, will be free from the attacks of God’s enemy. Satan knows the clock is ticking and that he will one day be removed forever (Revelation 20:10).

There is no devil in the first two chapters of the Bible and no devil in the last two chapters. Thank God for a book that disposes of the devil!

Vance Havner

(adapted, D. Jeremiah)



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Happy Birthday!

TIPS: 1. When pouring hot liquids into a glass container put a metal spoon, preferably silver, into the container and slowly pour the liquid unto the spoon.

2. To prevent grease spatters sprinkle a little salt in the frying pan.

**UPCOMING EVENT**

**Women's Retreat  
August 1, 2015**

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**1Cor. 13: 4& 5**

Love is patient, Love is kind  
It does not want what belongs to others, it does not brag, it is not proud. It is not rude. It does not look out for its own interest. It does not easily become angry. It does not keep track of other people's wrongs. (NirV)

**Prayer**

Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous,  
Teach me to serve you as I should,  
To give and not to count the cost,  
To fight and not to heed the wounds,  
To toil and not to seek for rest,  
To labour and not to ask for any reward, Save that of knowing that I do your most holy will.

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**Isaiah 45: 5&6** "I am the Lord, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God. I will strengthen you, though you have not acknowledged me. So that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting men may know that there is none besides me. I am the Lord, and there is no other." (NIV)



**Church Fellowships**



**Sunday Services:**

9:30 am - Sunday School for all ages  
10:45 am - Morning Worship  
7:00 pm - Evening Service



**1st Sunday** - Communion after Evening Service  
Children's Service 10:45 a.m.  
Last Sunday: Singspiration: @ 7:00 pm

**Women's Fellowship** - 1st Monday of the month  
**Church Council Meeting** - 2nd Monday of the month

**Men's Fellowship** - 4th Monday of the Month

**Trustees Meeting** - 3rd Monday of the month

**Wednesday** - Evangelism @ 6:00 pm

**Thursday** - Prayer Meeting & Bible Study - 6:00 pm

**Friday @ 7:00 pm** - Youth Meeting

**Saturday** - Music Practice - **Adult Choir @ 2.00 pm**

**Praise Team** - 4:00 pm (Every other week)

**Couple's Fellowship** - Last Friday of the month



**Grandfather's Clock**



The song, 'My Grandfather's Clock ' was written by Henry Clay worth in 1876. In this song we get the description of a grandfather's clock that ticks faithfully through its owner's life. Childhood, adulthood and old age are all viewed in relationship to this time piece.

The chorus says:

*Ninety years without slumbering,  
Tick, tock, tick, tock,  
His life's seconds numbering,  
Tick, tock, tick, tock,  
But it stopped short.*

*Never to go again when the old man died.*



The steady and persistent ticking of the clock reminds us that our time on earth is limited.

Despite the joys and pains of life, time keeps moving on. For the Christian, our time on earth is an opportunity to gain wisdom. Ps. 90:12 says, "Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom"

You may ask, how do I number my days? One way of numbering our days is to ask ourselves these kinds of questions. (1) How do I become more like Christ? (2) Am I reading the word regularly? (3) Am I devoting time in prayer? (4) Am I meeting together with other believers?

The way we answer these questions is an indicator of the progress we are making in gaining wisdom and becoming more like Christ.

In whatever phase of life you are experiencing, life always offers opportunities to grow in faith and wisdom.

Numbering our days is a wise response to life's inevitable progress. How are you progressing in your journey?

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**Think On This:** Don't spend your time, Invest it!

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The Bible tells the attributes that should **not** be characteristic of one who claims to be God's servant

Write the attribute or attitudes mentioned in the following verses that do not describe a servant.

Put an asterick (\*) by those that you need God to help you put off.

Romans 16: 17 & 18 \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 6: 24 \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 12:3 \_\_\_\_\_

2 Timothy 2: 24 \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 17: 7-10 \_\_\_\_\_