

## Conflict Resolution

*Scripture Praise Focus: "A gentle answer turns away wrath,  
but a harsh word stirs up anger."  
(Proverbs 15:1)*

Dear Heavenly Father,

Your Word teaches me everything I need to know for godliness. I praise You, that you prepare me and show me how to resolve conflict, how to confront others and spur others on toward your grace. You are faithful God, and you continue to equip me to obey and honor You.

Lord there can be many conflicts on a college campus as my fellow students and I are experiencing freedoms and responsibilities as never before. The need to confront and resolve conflict in a biblical way that preserves relationships is so important at this crucial time in our lives.

Father give me wisdom. Through your Holy Spirit help me to understand your biblical answers for when to confront: when someone is in danger (Proverbs 24:11-12), when a relationship is threatened (Philippians 4:2-3), when division exists within a group (Romans 14:19), when someone sins against me (Matthew 18:15), when I am offended (Ephesians 4:2-3), when someone is caught in sin (Ezekiel 3:18), when others are offended (Galatians 2:11-13). Give me confidence to confront in order to honor You, not out of my own justice, but out of obedience to You. Give me wisdom to know the



difference. Help me to be a peacemaker, while I stand firm on your precepts without wavering.

Father, let mercy, forgiveness and restoration stem from resolving conflict in ways that honor you. Let this campus be known for devotion to Christ that leads to brotherly love and accountability. Father through your Holy Spirit, bring unity to campus organizations, faculty, students and employees that there may not be discord even when there is disagreement. "Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit." (Proverbs 18:21) Keep the enemy from bringing confusion that separates, and suspicion that destroys relationships. Let there be peace, Lord, as we, your people, humble ourselves, pray and seek your counsel to confront conflicts in our classes, homes, dorms and campus.

Thank you that Your plans for me include encouraging others to build fellowship. "Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But, watch yourself, or you also may be tempted." (Galatians 6:1) Thank you for your great love and your kindness to me. Thank you for the clear direction I find in Your word that shows me the way I should go, confront, resolve, forgive and love.

Lord, let me and my fellow students, spread the truth of Your Gospel through our words and actions on this campus. Let me be quick to listen and slow to speak. But, let me not fail to speak Father, when You prompt me. Thank you for allowing me to be in a country where I may still speak and confront. Thank you for your Son, who came to set me free from sin and death, and for Your Holy Spirit that reminds me what Jesus taught, and shows me the way I should go. Let me heed His prompting.

I pray this prayer in Jesus' name.

Amen!

