

‡ Valley Mediation Center ‡

Biblical Resolution Ministry

“... Live at peace with all people” Romans 12:18

- Recognize** there is a difference of opinion; a conflict; a dispute; conflict can be good or bad, the Bible does not teach that all conflict is bad; while conflict is perceived as being bad and harmful, sometimes conflict helps us grow
- Examine** the cause of the misunderstandings (Joshua 22:10-34); differences in values, goals, priorities, interests (Acts 15:39, I Corinthians 12:12-31); sinful attitudes and desires (James 4:1-3)
- Seek** assistance, comprise, reconciliation, negotiation, coaching, mediation, conciliation; (Matthew 7:7, Luke 10:24)
- Open** your heart to compromise, confession, forgiveness; (Philemon 1:20, Matthew 5:8)
- Listen** carefully to the other party and get to the heart of the matter; (Proverbs 22:17, James 1:19)
- Value** the relationship, love thy neighbor as yourself, love your enemy, love for your brothers/sisters in Christ; (Matthew 6:26, Romans 13:8, Leviticus 19:18)
- Explore** mutual agreement and satisfaction through confession, repentance and forgiveness; (I John 1:9, Revelation 3:19, Acts 17:30, II Corinthians 2:7)