

# Handling Conflicts

**Luke 10:38-42; John 12:1-3**

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Part 6 of a series entitled, "Family Portraits"

**Introduction: God presents us with a pattern for handling conflicts in our homes.**

## **I. Find the Causes of Conflict**

- A. Selfishness
  - 1. We jealously guard our expectations
  - 2. We jealously guard our reputations
- B. Wrong Priorities
  - 1. Sometimes we have wrong priorities
  - 2. Sometimes we have different priorities

## **II. Find the Contributing Factors to Conflict**

- A. Being Overextended
  - 1. Avoid overextension by knowing your limits
  - 2. Avoid overextension by simplifying your life
- B. Being Emotionally Primed
  - 1. We can be emotionally primed by creation
  - 2. We can be emotionally primed by conditioning
- C. Having a Domineering Spirit
  - 1. Avoid the role of "boss"
  - 2. Allow God to be the "boss"

## **III. Find a Strategy to Eliminate Conflicts**

- A. Diagnose the Problem (James 1:19)
- B. Seek Self Correction Before Correcting Others (Matt. 7: 3-5)
- C. When Anger Flames, Throw Water not Gasoline (Prov. 15:1)
- D. Seek and Extend Forgiveness (Matt. 18:21-22)
- E. Refocus on Jesus (John 12:1-8)

**Conclusion: Are you willing to apply God's pattern the next time conflict arises in your home?**