



Seven Points to Improve Relationships.



Conflict is unavoidable.

You either just left a conflict, are in a conflict, or are headed to a conflict.

You can look at conflict as a kind of storm. When we hear of a weather forecast of a coming storm, we prepare.

So likewise, prepare for the inevitable conflict storms of life.

Conciliation Services, LLC gives you 7 points to help you manage destructive conflict, racial or otherwise.



Point One.

“Have proper regard
for all people.”

Recognize that humans
are made in God’s image
and thus are valuable
beings.



Point Two.

“Treat people with respect and dignity.”

We treat valuables with care, like our fine jewelry and other valuables. Every person is more valuable than our most precious material good.



Point Three.

“Let who you are
dictate your actions.”

If you profess Christ,
you are His ambassador.
Let who you are guide
your behavior.



Point Four.

“Let your actions
show love.”

The two greatest
commandments center
around fervent love for
God and love of each
other (See Matthew
22:36-40). Love is an
action.



Point Five.

“Watch your words.”

Sometimes physical wounds can heal faster than harsh words that sting and bring deep hurt. Speak to build up and encourage each other, not tear down. A soft response turns anger away (Proverbs 15:1). Friendly voices; friendly solutions.



Point Six.

“Allow for the differences of others.”

Differences of opinions or perspectives should not cause war. You and others are entitled to differ.

You are each original and unique, worth more than a copy.



Point Seven.

“Commit as an ambassador of Christ to help toward racial harmony as far as it depends on you.”

“There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus” (Galatians 3:28).

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- Mediates conflicts for biblical resolution;
- Trains to equip individuals and organizations to better manage day-to-day conflict.
- Trains on sexual harassment to help you comply with the law.
- Investigates sexual harassment and race discrimination allegations to determine if sufficient evidence exists for sexual harassment or discrimination.

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