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Matthew 5:9 reminds us, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God." Similarly, Ephesians 4:2-3 urges us to respond with humility, gentleness, patience, and love, striving to maintain unity in the Spirit.

By seeing conflict as a chance to glorify God, serve others, and refine our character, we can approach it with a mindset of faith and purpose. Would you like to explore specific strategies or scriptural principles for handling conflict in a Christ-centered way?

### Discover Biblical principles for addressing and resolving conflict:

Seek Peace and Unity (Romans 12:18) Approach with Love and Humility (Matthew 22:39, Philippians 2:3) Follow Biblical Steps (Matthew 18:15-17) Be Quick to Forgive (Ephesians 4:32) Trust God's Justice (Romans 12:19)

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#### The Heart

"Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." (1 Samuel 16:7)

The heart is the "well-spring" of life (Proverbs 4:23) That means that everything in our lives flows from our hearts, including our attitudes, our goals, our intentions, beliefs, and thoughts lead us to do what we do.

Jeremiah 17:9-10

"The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately sick;

One of the more striking things about the Gospel of Mark (and other Gospels) is how much attention Jesus gives to the human heart. The core of the story of Jesus healing of the paralytic is how "He knew his Spirit.. what they were thinking in their hearts" (Mark 2:8).

### Resources

<u>What the Bible Says</u> <u>About the Heart</u>

<u>The Revolutionary</u> <u>Christian Heart</u>