

CAN'T WE ALL JUST
GET ALONG?



**“What Should Motivate Us to
Resolve Conflict?”**

I CORINTHIANS 13:1-7

*“For God so loved the world,
that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him should not
perish but have eternal life.*

John 3:16

“Love is a selfless and enduring commitment of the will to care about and benefit another person by righteous, truthful, and compassionate thoughts, words and action.”



**Stuart Scott,
The Exemplary Husband**

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KEY POINT:

Biblical conflict resolution must be driven by **love**.

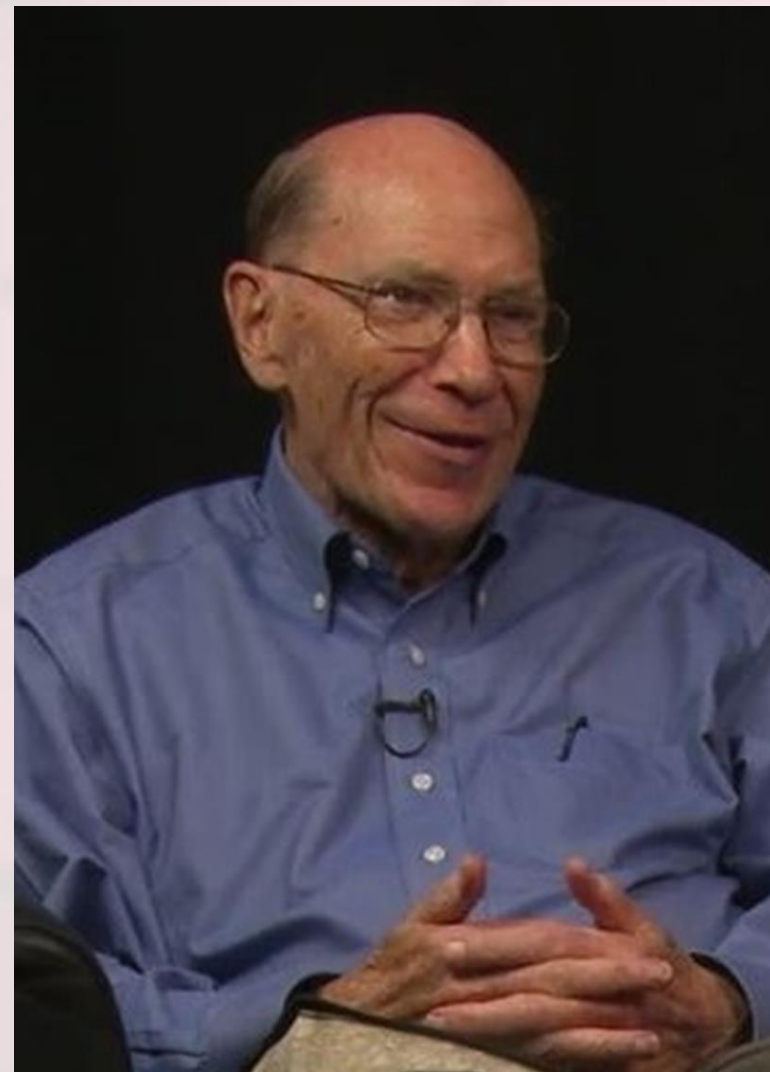
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Whoever is patient has great understanding, but one who is quick-tempered displays folly.

Proverbs 14:29

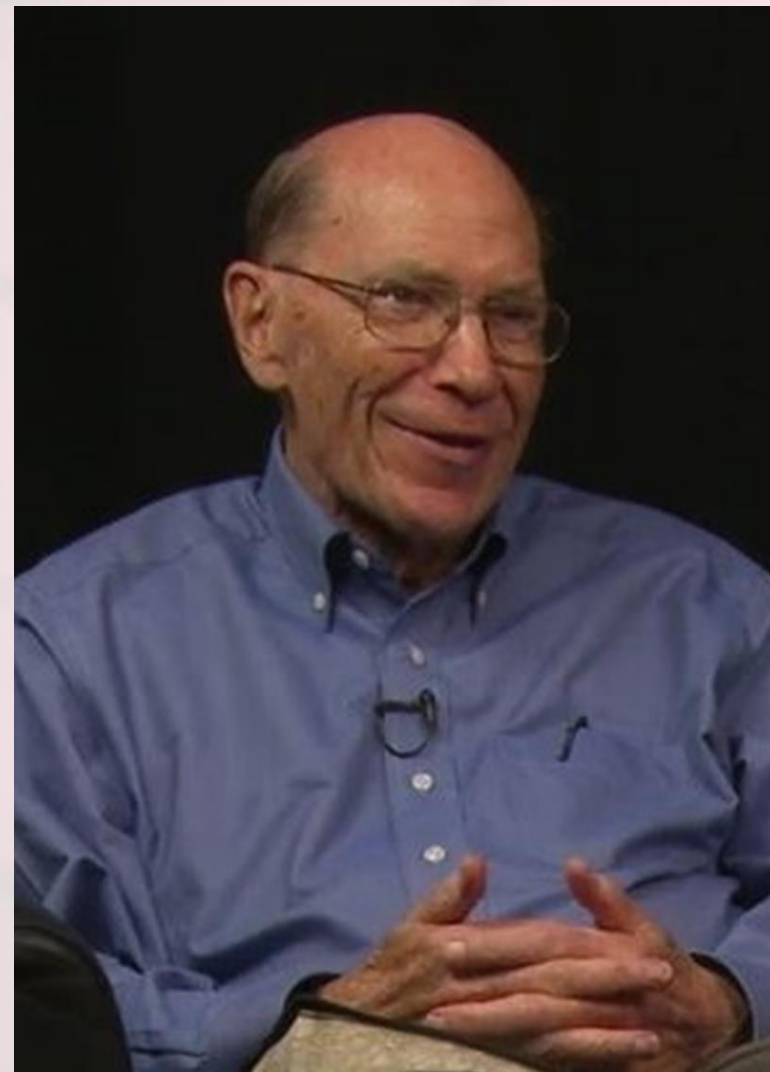
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“Our natural inclination is to show kindness only to those for whom we have some natural affinity – family, friends, likable neighbors. But God shows kindness to those who are most despicable – the ungrateful and wicked. Have you ever...



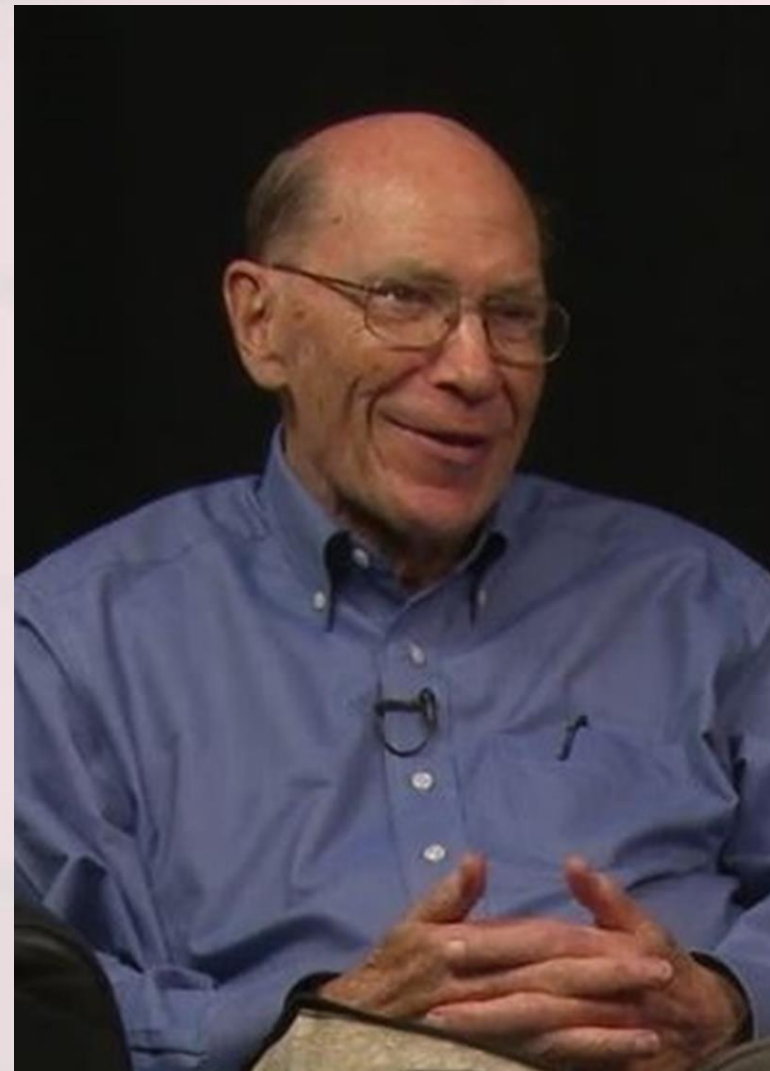
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"...tried to be kind to someone who was ungrateful? Unless God's grace was working in your heart in a significant way, your reaction to his ingratitude may well have been, 'I'll never do anything for him again!' But God...



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“...doesn't turn His back on the ungrateful. ... We need to develop a kind disposition, to be sensitive to others and truly desire their happiness.”



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- III. Love does not envy (vs. 4b).

*You desire and do not have,
so you murder. You covet and cannot
obtain, so you fight and quarrel.
You do not have, because you do not ask.*

James 4:2

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*Pride goes before destruction,
and a haughty spirit before a fall.*

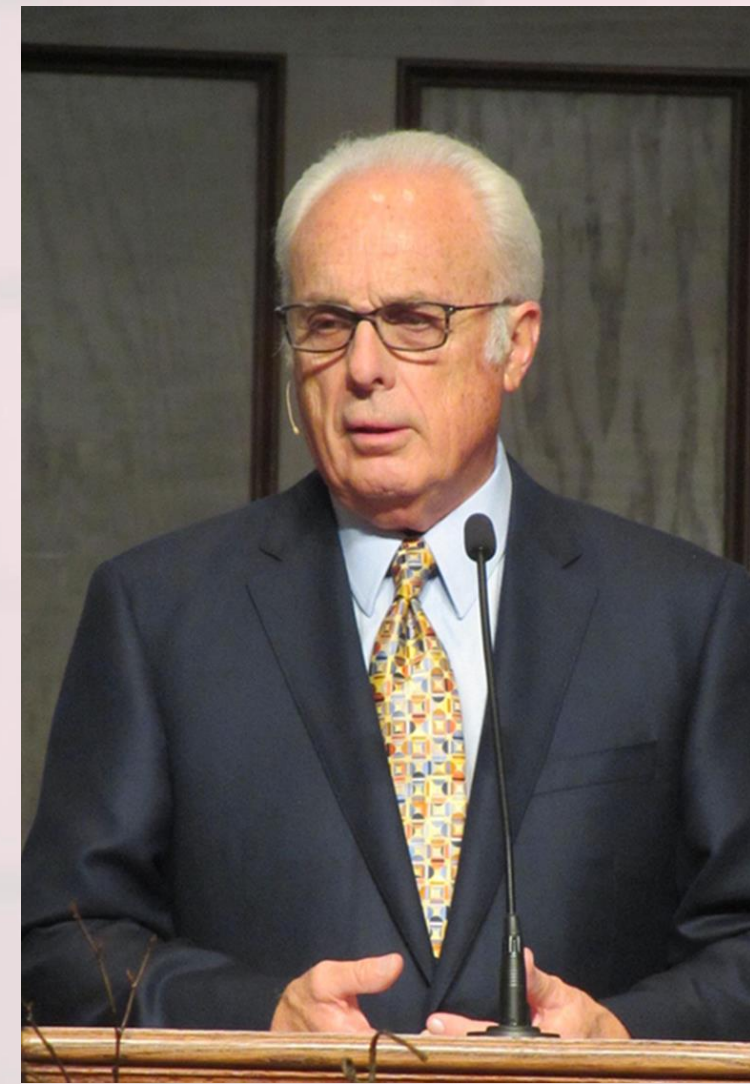
Proverbs 16:18

“He must increase, but I must decrease.”

John 3:30

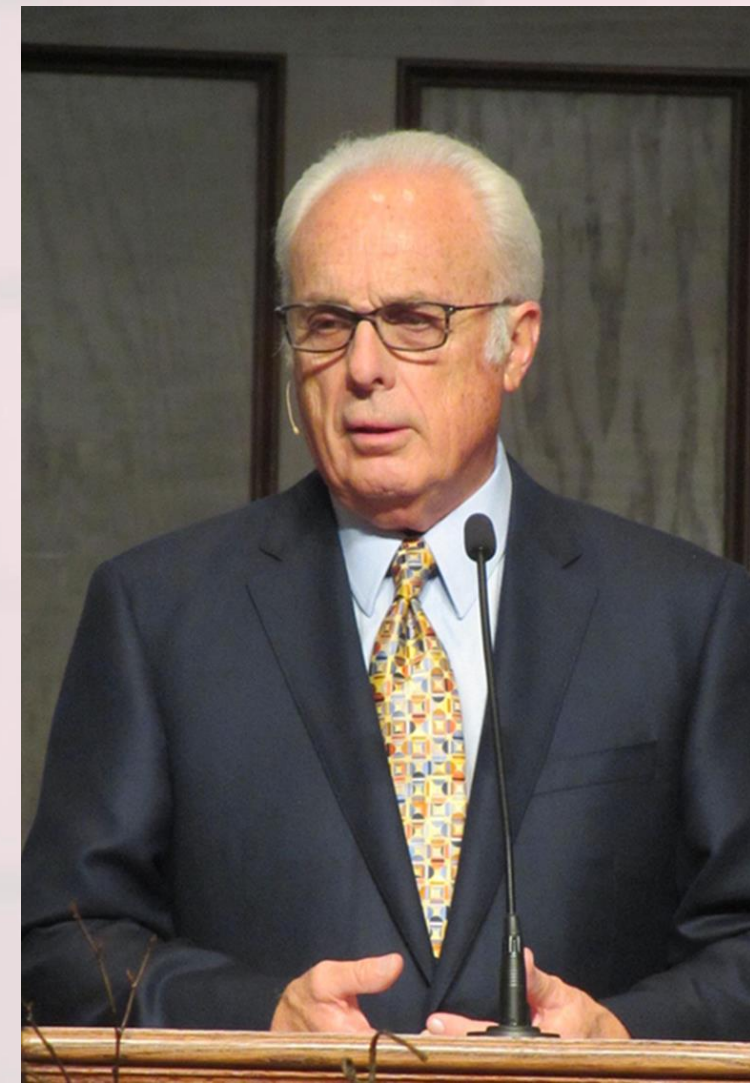
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- VI. Love is not rude (vs. 5a).

*“Love is gracious.
Graciousness should begin
with fellow believers,
but it should not end there.
Many Christians have
forfeited the opportunity for
witnessing by rudeness to
an unbeliever who offends
them by a habit the...*



John MacArthur

“...Christian considers improper. ... Self-righteous rudeness by Christians can turn people away from Christ before they have a chance to hear the Gospel.”



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- VI. Love is not rude (vs. 5a).
- VII. Love does not insist on its own way (vs. 5b).

"... even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Matthew 20:28

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- VIII. Love is not irritable (vs. 5c).

Then the king was exceedingly glad, and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

Daniel 6:23

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- VIII. Love is not irritable (vs. 5c).
- IX. Love is not resentful (vs. 5c).

So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me.

If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account.

Philemon 17-18

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“Many disputes are so insignificant that they should be resolved by quietly and deliberately overlooking as offense.

‘A man’s wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense’ (Prov 19:11; see also 12:16; 17:14; Col 3:13; 1 Peter 4:8). Overlooking an offense is a form of forgiveness and involves a deliberate...



**Ken Sande,
*The Peacemaker***

*“...decision not to talk about it,
dwell on it, or let it grow into
pent-up bitterness or anger.”*



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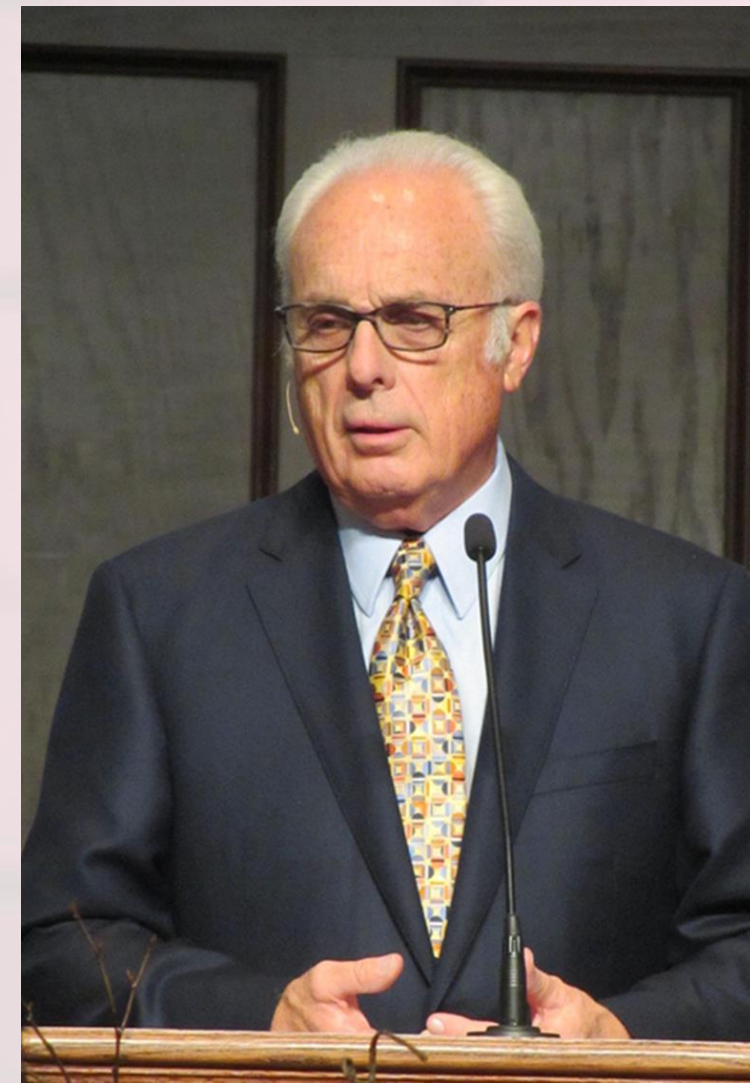
XI. Love rejoiced with the truth (vs. 6b).

XII. Love bears all things (vs 7a).

XIII. Love believes all things (vs. 7b).

XIV. Love hopes all things (vs. 7c).

“Love refuses to take failure as final. The rope of love’s hope has no end. As long as there is life, love does not lose hope. When our hope becomes weak, we know that our love has become weak.”



John MacArthur

*Do not be slothful in zeal,
be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.
Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation,
be constant in prayer.*

Romans 12:11-12

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XV. Love endures all things (vs. 7d).

- praying with them
 - praying before, during and after any meetings
 - welcoming corrections or criticism
 - going to Scripture instead of attacking the person
 - giving encouragement and edification
 - keeping your anger away
- talking less
 - being teachable
 - not blame shifting
 - admitting wrongs
 - asking forgiveness
 - keep trusting God to work through your love

Ways to Be Loving in Conflict