

"Resolving Conflict in the Home"
Selected Scriptures
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Two myths about marital conflict:

Myth #1: Good marriages don't have struggles.

Myth #2: Resolving conflict in the home is impossible.

Four improper responses to conflict (Bill Hybels):

1. "The Eskimo Style" - ignoring the conflict
2. "The Cowboy Style" - shoot verbal bullets at each other
3. "The Escape Style" - you run from the conflict
4. "The Manhandleer Method" - physical violence

Why do marriages have conflict? (two enemies)

1. The devil. (1 Peter 5:8)
2. You (James 4:1)

Five conflict resolution skills:

1. Honesty is the best policy! (Ephesians 4:25)
2. Don't go to bed angry! (Ephesians 4:26)
3. Don't wound with your words! (Ephesians 4:29)
4. Be kind to one another! (Ephesians 4:32)
5. Forgive each other! (Ephesians 4:31, 32)