

Wretched Worldview

**Conflict:
The Biblical Approach**

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These answers are not meant to be comprehensive, but to serve as a general guideline.

1. What is the Greek word for love as used in I Corinthians 13, and what type of love does it describe?
The Greek word is *agapē* and it describes a self-sacrificial type of love.
2. What gospel truth should a Christian remember as he works through relational conflict with another person? What Scripture verse is this truth based upon?
Based upon Romans 5:8, Christ loved us when we were unlovable, and He continues to love us as we continue to be unlovable.
3. Summarize the four principles for overcoming anger based on Ephesians 4:25-32. Cite the specific verse or verses that support each principle. You may use your Bible.
 - 1) **Be honest – verse 25. We need to replace dishonest responses with the truth.**
 - 2) **Keep current – verses 26-27. Solve today's problem today. Unresolved anger often leads to bitterness, which gives the devil a foothold in our relationships.**
 - 3) **Attack the problem, not the person – verse 29. Put off words that tear down the person and replace them with words that build up.**
 - 4) **Act, not react – verses 31-32. Put off angry reactions and replace with communication that is kind, tenderhearted, and forgiving.**
4. List the seven conditions for confrontation as presented in Chapter 8.
 - 1) **It should be done between brothers in Christ. This sets the tone for the conversation.**
 - 2) **The sin must be clear and present, not assumed and implied. Underlying motivation is hard to discern.**
 - 3) **You need to operate in the Spirit's power, not out of anger or frustration.**
 - 4) **The goal of confrontation is to restore the person to a healthy relationship with God and others, not to get the person to stop aggravating you or conforming to your personal preferences.**
 - 5) **It should be done in a spirit of gentleness.**
 - 6) **You must keep watch on yourself and your attitude the whole time.**
 - 7) **Be ready to "bear one another's burdens" over the long haul.**
5. According to J.C. Ryle, what are the three defining characteristics of a Christian man (or woman) following after humility?
 - 1) **He thinks in lowliness of mind.**
 - 2) **He esteems others better than himself.**
 - 3) **He will see more evil in his own heart than in others.**
6. What practices did the early church continually devote itself to? What do we call these practices today and what is their purpose?
The early church was continually devoting itself to:
The Apostles' Teaching
Fellowship
Breaking of bread (communion)
Prayer

These are the means of grace through which God works to change us from the inside out.

7. What were the three most important things you learned from watching this DVD and completing the Study Guide?
8. How will you handle conflict differently based upon what you learned from watching this DVD and completing the Study Guide? Use Scripture to support your answer.