

Coming to Terms with Button Pushers

You Are Pushing My Buttons – Part 3

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Romans 12:17-18 – “Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.”

RAMIFICATIONS OF UNRESOLVED CONFLICT

1. It _____ our relationship with God.

1 John 4:20 – “Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen.”

2. It _____ our prayers.

1 Peter 3:7 – “Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.”

3. It _____ our happiness.

Philippians 2:2 – “Make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.”

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1. Take the _____ .

Romans 12:18 – “If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.”

Question: What are you pretending is not a problem in your relationship?

Genesis 3:10 – “He (Adam) answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; **so I hid.**”

2. Take _____ of my part in the conflict.

Matthew 7:3-5 – “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? ⁴How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? ⁵You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.”

An admission that will break up any relational logjam: “I’m sorry, I was only thinking of myself.”

3. Fix the _____ , not the _____ .

Romans 14:13 - “Let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in your brother’s way.”

4. Focus on _____, not _____.

RECONCILIATION = To _____ the relationship.

RESOLUTION = To _____ every issue.

Matthew 5:9 - “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”

“It’s always more fulfilling to resolve the conflict than to dissolve the relationship.”