

“We Can Work It Out”

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Philippians 4:1-3

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Introduction:

- A. Because churches are made up of _____ human beings, there has never been and will never be a _____ church on earth.
- B. Nothing will destroy the church and its mission like _____.

I. The Problem

- A. There’s no doubt about how Paul _____ about these folks.
- B. It is interesting to note that Paul often communicates in a positive way just before he is _____.
- C. We learn that there are _____ women in Philippi who are at odds with each other.
- D. How sad to go down in history as the person who couldn’t _____ with others.
- E. What do you want to be _____ for?

II. The Solution

- A. We notice that Paul’s first charge was to the _____ themselves to settle the problem in the Lord.
 - 1. It is always best when two people who have a problem go to each other _____ and try to _____ it out (Mt. 18:15).
 - 2. We notice that Paul’s charge to the women was to agree “in the _____.”
- B. Paul’s second charge was to _____ in the congregation to _____ these two women get along.
 - 1. Sometimes the situation between two people is so hurtful or emotionally charged that someone _____ needs to work as a _____.
- C. How can we help others resolve their differences?
 - 1. Don’t become part of the _____. (Pr. 18:17)
 - 2. Help them get a spiritual _____. (Phil. 2:1-11)
 - 3. Be very _____, _____, and _____. (Gal. 6:1; Mt. 5:9)

Conclusion:

- A. Don’t be surprised by _____ in the church.
- B. Keep in mind that conflict is a _____ of Satan.
- C. With God’s _____ and God’s _____, we can work it out!

Answer Key: Intro.A. imperfect, perfect. B. internal, division. I.A. feels. I.B. corrective. I.C. 2. I.D. get, along. I.E. remembered. II.A. women. II.A.1. directly, work. II.B. others, help. II.B.1. neutral, mediator. II.C.1. problem. II.C.2. perspective. II.C.3. humble, gentle, careful. Concl.A. conflict. B. tool. C. mind, help.