



The 5 C's of Confrontation

When it's time to confront, we do it God's way: with humility, clarity, and Scripture. This isn't about venting frustrations; it's about restoring relationships and honoring Christ.

1. Commendation – Revelation 2:13-14

Before addressing the issue, acknowledge the good.

"Before I share my concern, I want to express my gratitude for [specific positive action or trait]."

Even Jesus, when addressing the churches, began by recognizing their strengths.

2. Compassion – Hebrews 4:15; James 4:11; 5:9

Show empathy and understanding.

"I've been praying about [specific challenge], and I want you to know I value our relationship deeply."

We're called to bear one another's burdens, not add to them.

3. Confession – Matthew 7:5; Ephesians 4:2-3

Own your part in the conflict.

"Before I address my concern, I need to confess [specific wrongdoing] and ask for your forgiveness. I'm committed to [specific plan for change]."

Removing the log from our own eye comes before addressing the speck in another's.

4. Clarify Their Concern – Proverbs 18:2, 13, 17

Ensure you understand their perspective.

"I want to make sure I understand your concerns about [specific issue]. Could you help me see it from your perspective?"

Listening well is half the battle in resolving conflicts.

5. Communicate Your Concern – John 16:8; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Timothy 2:24-26

Address the issue directly, with Scripture as your guide.

"I'm concerned about [specific behavior or action] because Scripture says [specific verse or principle]. How do you see this in light of God's Word?"

Let the Holy Spirit do the convicting; our role is to speak the truth in love.

The K.I.S.S.S.S.S. Principle

Keep your confrontation:

- **Short** – Proverbs 10:19; 15:28
- **Specific** – Matthew 18:16; James 1:19
- **Spiritual** – Acts 22:10; Romans 14:12
- **Scriptural** – 2 Timothy 2:24; Matthew 18:15
- **Sweet** – 2 Timothy 2:25-26; Proverbs 16:21

In other words, be concise, clear, Christ-centered, grounded in Scripture, and gracious.

Final Thoughts

After sharing, invite their response. Listen with humility, ready to forgive, admit faults, or gently correct. Remember, the goal isn't to win an argument but to win a brother or sister.

Confrontation done God's way isn't easy, but it's necessary. Let's be faithful stewards of truth and grace.