

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 1:30 PM

7:00 PM

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For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth... in every place. (1 Thessalonians 1:8)

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Fight to Win

Il married couples have disagreements. Some spouses battle fiercely, leaving deep wounds and permanent scars. Others manage conflict with wisdom and self-control. Below are some guidelines that enable husbands and wives to disagree without being disagreeable:

Choose an Appropriate Time and Place. It is inappropriate to argue in public—at a restaurant or in a department store. Discuss differences in private, preferably when neither spouse is sick, hungry, or tired.

Avoid Exaggeration. Words like "always" and "never" are usually too big to be true. "You never help around the house," for instance, is false if the husband accused of laziness has taken out the garbage even once. Generalizations are inflammatory.

Use "I" Statements. "I felt embarrassed" gains sympathy and perhaps an apology. "You embarrassed me" may trigger anger and defensiveness.

Be Quick to Apologize and Forgive. Refusing to offer a sincere and humble apology prolongs an argument. Failing to forgive has the same effect. If, for example, an apology is met with stony silence, the offender may become angry again and say even more hurtful things.

Stay Focused. If the dispute concerns the checkbook, talk about the checkbook. Bringing up the annoying habits of a cantankerous mother-in-law is pouring gasoline on the fire.

All these suggestions find their basis in the teaching of Jesus. In his Sermon on the Mount, the Lord said, "So whatever you wish that men would do to you, do so to them" (Matt. 7:12). Practicing the Golden Rule in marriage enables a couple to prevent unnecessary conflict and to resolve the problems that do arise.

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Here we go again. Universal healthcare continues to be a big issue. I do not want to get into the pros and cons of it, but the idea is appealing. After all, we all have illness and injury. We all need healing at times. It would be nice to know that we would all be covered when needed, regardless of cost. Health care can become extremely expensive. In the end, however, it is not free. Someone has to pay for it.

Aren't you glad that there is a universal health care plan with regard to our spiritual lives? We all need healing spiritually, and there is nothing we can do for it ourselves. God, however, has a spiritual health plan for us. It is a costly plan. It cost Him His only begotten Son. Because of His love, though, He was willing to pay that price. By His grace, you and I are covered. All it costs us is our lives. We cannot join this health care group, but God enrolled each of us when we were baptized into Christ as penitent believers, having confessed our faith in Christ (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Romans 10:9-10).

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 1 John 4:9-11 ESV

Thank God today for the gift of His Son. Thank Him for His plan of salvation. Thank Him for His love. After giving thanks, go out and live life to His glory.

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