

## **BIBLE STUDY NOTES - Rev. James B. Logan**

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### **LEADERSHIP TRANSITION: CONFLICT RESOLUTION**

This evening's bible study will continue with an examination of issues that President Obama as well as we face, and how we choose to deal with them. This study will serve as a biblical guide to resolving conflict.

#### **ESCAPE RESPONSES**

- 1 – **DENIAL** – (Genesis 16:1 – 6; 1 Samuel 2:22- 25)
- 2 – **FLIGHT** – (Genesis 16:6 – 8; 1 Samuel 19:9 - 10)
- 3 – **SUICIDE** – (1 Samuel 31:4)

#### **ATTACK RESPONSES**

- 4 – **ASSAULT** - (Acts 6: 8 – 15)
- 5 - **LITIGATION** - (Acts 24:1 – 26; Romans 13:1 – 5)
- 6 - **MURDER** - (Acts 7: 54 – 58)

#### **PEACEMAKING RESPONSE**

**Personal:** These actions may be taken personally and privately between the main parties involved.

7 - **OVERLOOK AN OFFENSE** - (PROVERBS 19:11; 12:16; 17:14; COLOSSIANS 3:13) – Some disagreements are so insignificant that they should be resolved quietly and deliberately overlooking a person's fault(s).

8 – **RECONCILIATION** - (MATTHEW 5: 23, 24; PROVERBS 28:13; GALATIANS 6:1; COLOSSIANS 3:13) – Confession, loving correction and forgiveness is often needed in order to initiate healing when there is a damaged relationship.

9 - **NEGOTIATION** - (PHILIPPIANS 2:4) – A cooperative bargaining process is often the right environment for a settlement to be reached.

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**PEACEMAKING RESPONSE**

**Assisted:** When personal responses do not work, there is the need to have outside persons involved from the Church or Christian community.

10 - **MEDIATION** - (MATTHEW 18:16) These mediators can give advice but cannot enforce the acceptance of a solution

11 – **ARBITRATION** – (1 Corinthians 6:4) One or more arbitrators may be called upon to render a binding decision to settle a matter.

12 – **ACCOUNTABILITY** – (Matthew 18:17) When a Christian refuses reconciliation, love should be displayed but the matter can be brought to the church.

**Suggested Reading:**

The Peace Maker; By Ken Sande; Ninth printing 2008; Baker Books