Dealing With Conflicts In Marriage
Introduction

- **Conflict** = fight, battle, contend, struggle
- We need to keep this to a minimum in our homes
God Cares About Families

- *Genesis 2:24* Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.
God Cares About Families

- Usually, the lives of the children reflect the attitudes of their parents
- Too many families are hindered by conflict
The Spiritually Minded Husband Will Care For His Family Properly

- Eph. 5: 33 Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself;
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- **1 Pet. 3:7** Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge,
The Spiritually Minded Wife Will Care For Her Family Properly

- **Eph. 5:33** and the wife see that she reverence her husband
- **Prov. 31:23** Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.
Spiritually Minded Parents & Children Will Care For Their Families Properly

- Rearing adolescents can be difficult
- **Proverbs 22:6** Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.
Application of Lesson - Husband

- Understand your wife
- Let her know you love her in word and in deed
- Remember that the 1st year may be the most difficult
Application of Lesson - Husband

- **Mt. 19:6** What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.
Application of Lesson - Husband

• **1 Jn. 4:4** Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

BE COMMITTED!
Application of Lesson - *Wife*

- Keep arguing to a minimum
- Respect your husband if you know he is doing the best he can
- Respect his leadership role
Application of Lesson - Wife

- Eph. 5:22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.
Application of Lesson - Wife

• “Husbands showing affection & wives showing respect will help to address the lion’s share of marital conflict”. Brian Gochenour
Application of Lesson – Parents & Children

- Spend quality time with your children of all ages – parents who are always too busy sow seeds of conflicts
Application of Lesson – Parents & Children

• Speak to your children in the way you want them to speak to you

Prov. 11:29 He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind: and the fool shall be servant to the wise of heart.
Application of Lesson – Parents & Children

• Talk about conflict and discuss ways to deal with difficult children i.e. moody, difficult temperament etc.
Application of Lesson – Parents & Children

- Understand that your teenager’s striving for independence is normal.
- Address misbehavior properly – don’t take everything personally.
Application of Lesson – Parents & Children

- REMEMBER - Children begin learning how to handle conflict as early as age two!
- Be fair in what you expect and how you punish!
- Col. 3:21
Application of Lesson – Parents & Children

• Enforce the standard you set up fairly
• Place yourself and your family under God’s rule
• Material take from Southwest Lectureship book, 2009, "HONORING CHRIST, Calling For Godly Families"