

## **Extreme Home Makeover!**

Finding Harmony in your Home!

Mark 3:25 (Living Bible)

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*“ . . . a home filled with strife and division destroys itself.”*

**MESSAGE THOUGHTS:** Peace in the home is a rare commodity indeed. If our homes are to be holy ground instead of a battleground, we must understand and commit to harmony in the home. Conflicts come because of money, sex, in-laws, communication, children, and a myriad of other sources. Peace comes from God when we give attention to His standards of excellence. Your home can be in harmony, but it must be committed to creating harmony.

### **I. WHAT IS THE CAUSE OF CONFLICT?**

*“ . . . What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You want something but you don't get it . . . ”*

**James 4:1-2 (NIV)**

### **II. HOW DO WE REACT TO CONFLICT?**

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| 2. _____ way | 5. _____ way |
| 3. _____ way | 6. _____ way |

### **III. HOW TO RESOLVE CONFLICT!**

#### **1. BECOME A TRUE \_\_\_\_\_!**

*“ . . . As parts of the same Body, our anger against each other has disappeared, for both of us have been reconciled to God. And so the feud has ended at the cross.”*

**Ephesians 2:16 (Living Bible)**

#### **2. TALK \_\_\_\_\_ ABOUT THE CONFLICT!**

*“ . . . you struggle and fight with one another. You don't get what you want because you don't ask God for it.”* **James 4:2 (Phillips)**

**3. ANALYZE THE \_\_\_\_\_!**

*“ . . . Why do you look at the speck in another’s eye, and pay no attention to the log in your own eye? Take the log out of your own eye first, and then you will be able to see and take the speck out of your brother’s eye.”*

**Matthew 7:3 (Good News)**

**4. SCHEDULE A \_\_\_\_\_!**

*“ . . . Whoever of you loves life and desires to see many good days, keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking lies. Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.”* **Psalm 34:12-14 (NIV)**

**5. ESTABLISH \_\_\_\_\_!**

*8 But now you must get rid of all these things: anger, passion, and hateful feelings. No insults or obscene talk must ever come from your lips. 9 Do not lie to one another, for you have put off the old self with its habits*

**Colossians 3:8-9 (TEV)**

**6. SWITCH YOUR \_\_\_\_\_!**

*“ . . . Don’t be selfish . . . Don’t just think about your own affairs, but be interested in others too . . . Your attitude should be like Christ’s who, though He was God, did not demand and cling to His rights.”*

**Philippians 2:3-5 (Living Bible)**

**7. ASK FOR GODLY \_\_\_\_\_!**

*“If you listen to constructive criticism, you will be at home among the wise.”*

**Proverbs 15:31 (New Living Translation)**

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