

## Resolving Conflicts With Urgency

I. Introduction: How comfortable should you be if you KNOW there is a problem amongst brethren? How much should you be able to wait to deal with it?

A. We often talk about thinking through things before acting and rightly so (**Proverbs 15:28**).

1. We don't want to be fools and just say whatever comes to mind (**Proverbs 29:11**).
2. We learned, before obeying the Gospel, to count the cost before taking actions (**Luke 14:25-33**).
3. We don't want to be a people who rush or act in haste (**Proverbs 19:2**, **Proverbs 21:5**, and **Ecclesiastes 5:1-2**).

B. Conflicts, however wrong, happen among supposed brethren (**I Corinthians 3:1-3** and **II Corinthians 12:20**).

1. Contention should not exist among saints (**I Corinthians 11:16-18**).
2. From what was written in the past, things were bad among supposed brethren (**Galatians 6:15** and **James 4:1**).
3. What if problems are left unresolved? What if problems get put aside for another day? What if a soul is lost because of delay?

II. Body: We Cannot Dismiss Urgency (**Luke 12:13-21**).

A. Think about the consequences of neglecting spiritual matters (**Matthew 25:1-13**).

1. God expects us to be ready (**Mark 13:31-37**).
2. Today matters (**Hebrews 3:7**, **Hebrews 3:13**, **Hebrews 3:15**, and **Hebrews 4:7**)?
3. What should we think about tomorrow (**Proverbs 27:1** and **James 4:13-16**)?

B. Not leaving conflicts unresolved (**Matthew 5:21-26**).

1. God expects us to be united (**Psalms 133:1**, **John 17:20-23**, **Ephesians 4:1-6**, **Philippians 1:27**, and **Philippians 2:2**).
2. That includes having care for one another (**I Corinthians 12:25-27**).

C. Anger/wrath has to be dealt with quickly (**Ephesians 4:26**).

1. Can't stay in a state of wrath (**Psalms 37:8** and **Ephesians 4:31**).
2. Anger is dangerous (**Proverbs 14:17**, **Proverbs 22:24**, **Proverbs 29:22**, **Ecclesiastes 7:9**, and **James 1:19-20**).
3. What will holding onto wrath end up (**Proverbs 15:18**)?
4. We know that is not right (**James 3:13-18**).

III. Conclusion: When your soul, or another's is at stake, hurry up a bit (**Psalms 119:59-60**).