

HOW TO DEAL WITH UNRESOLVED CONFLICT IN THE CHURCH
OVERCOMING HINDRANCES TO STANDING FIRM
Philippians 4:2-3

- I. *We must understand* **RESOLVING CONFLICT IS FIRST AND FOREMOST THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THOSE BELIEVERS INVOLVED (2)**
- A. **The Situation:** Two godly women who struggled with Paul in the furtherance of the gospel were at odds (2-3a)
- B. **The Ultimate Solution:** Paul urges both Euodia and Syntyche to be same minded in the Lord (2)
- C. **The Solution Applied to Us:** We must seek to **personally have the mindset of Christ, then apply His Word** to the conflict, ourselves and the other person involved (2)
1. **Start by prayerfully examining yourself and the conflict in light of the truth of God and the mind of Christ. (2)**
 - a) Am I part of it? Is it me? Am I irritated, angry, unforgiving, holding on to things? Have I taken offence? Have I presumed? Do I lack His love?
 - b) If so, confess and go to the other party, ask for forgiveness and be reconciled.
 2. Only after you have dealt with yourself before the Lord, and seen the conflict through the lens of His Word and mindset, **seek to prayerfully apply His Word and His mindset to the other party involved (2)**
 - a) Humbly and gently go to the other person, seeking to restore (Matt. 5:23-24, Gal. 6:1)
 - b) Be reconciled
- II. *We must recognize that* **RESOLVING SERIOUS CONFLICT SOMETIMES REQUIRES THE HELP OF OTHER SPIRIT LED BELIEVERS: Clement and the rest of Paul's fellow workers in Christ are called to help (3)**