

THE Big 3

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TITLE: How to Speak Gently and Think Clearly Amidst Conflict

You don't have to run and hide from important issues of the day or sticky subjects with those close to you. There is a way to truly be good news where it is needed.

Here are three things to believe and consider about engaging in conflict:

1. **God is not wanting you to believe or settle for a watered-down version of the truth.** He offers a way to break down walls with a Truth that heals families, friendships, churches, and communities. The gospel is ALWAYS good news, and our words should be too... regardless of if it's face-to-face, online, or when speaking about others and rehashing our conversations.
2. **Sometimes, God calls us to be in the middle of sticky, thorny situations.** To be light in dark places. We may end up with a few scars, but He does not call us to walk into this alone. In Christ, we now have the Holy Spirit dwelling inside us and guiding our minds, words, and motives—if we will let him.
3. **Engage before you contend.** Get involved in the issues you care about and engage those involved and affected by the issue *before* you try and win every argument connected to this topic. Practice gracious restraint. Ask good questions. Give people space and time to think before you fire another bullet from your “argument gun”.

And remember to actually stop and pray, asking God what *His* stance and heart on this issue is and what (if anything) he wants you to say connected to this.

Galatians 5:19-21

The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; **hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy**; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

In light of today's topics, you might find these posts and videos helpful:

- [How to Stop Loving Stuff and Start Loving People](#)

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