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Help & Answers

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Let's talk about Conflict and Confrontations!

1. Do you run your home as a democracy or a monarchy?
2. Do you believe you can have a peaceful home? Why or why not?
3. What is your state of mind?
4. Can you identify key points of conflict? If so list them.
5. Can you identify ways to diffuse and avoid conflict? If so list these.
6. What Scripture verses can help you in this situation?
7. Do your children (or you) ask for forgiveness if you've been hurt?

Notes

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Conflict – Confrontations – Annoyance & Seeking Peace

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– This week we explore all the little annoyances (and sometimes big ones) that creep into our homeschool day until they wreck all of our plans. Do your kids fight? Do they have times they get along and everything is going well only to have an outside source (family, friends or the media) creep in and rob you of your peace? Get ready to roll up your sleeves and let's work on avoiding those conflicts and confrontations.

Thoughts to ponder:

1. Peace can be attained in the home and in the homeschool.
2. Often conflict cannot and should not be avoided. However the way we react to conflict is important.
3. What is your state of mind? Are you sad, depressed, worried, or ill? Do you have issues in your life that are beyond your control?
4. Everyone deals with crisis in their lifetime and if you have not – please be aware that the operative word is “yet” ... everyone who lives a full and active life will deal with the unavoidable and the uncontrollable.
5. Identify the points of conflict. Siblings? Marriage? Extended Family? Extra-curricular activities?
6. The key is HOW you react to your situation. Having a strong foundation and understanding of why you homeschool is KEY.
7. Listen to the <http://ultimateradioshow.com/vintage1-homeschool-lifestyle/> as well as the <http://ultimateradioshow.com/joyful-homeschooling/> episodes to strengthen your foundation. Once you've identified the conflict look for ways to: A. Avoid it. B. Defuse it. C. Deal with it on a daily basis.
8. The only person you can change is YOU.
9. Whatever your area of weakness the enemy WILL exploit. Count on it. Remember the battle is a spiritual one and the battle has been won!
10. God's GRACE is powerful and sustaining. Romans 1:1-7 ; Psalm 98
11. Once you have the “greater purpose” make a plan. The next time A happens I will do B ... for example – I have a child that likes to make excuses for everything. So when he begins making the excuse I interrupt firmly with “I know you think you have a good reason for not doing what was expected, but the fact remains that this _____ (fill in with what was expected) has not been completed. When can I expect you will have this done?”
12. Laziness happens to us all! We must be consistent - Proverbs 13:24 (spare the rod?)
13. Sometimes we can't make things better – Luke 11:29-32 – let go and let God.
14. Asking for forgiveness vs. saying, “I'm sorry.”

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