# Wisdom Needed for Our Time (Part 6): Dealing with Interpersonal Conflict (Proverbs) - July 19, 2020

**I. Engaging in conflict is generally unwise, so count the cost (personal, relational, weighing the “gains”).**

**II. Conflict cannot be avoided if pursuing a righteous goal in the right way for the right reasons.**

**III. A common reason for conflict is bad character, so first change your character with God’s help.**

**IV. Wisdom for dealing with conflict**

1. Guard your lips and speak softly
2. (Forgive,) then address the issue constructively
3. Deal carefully with a fool

*Scriptural References: Proverbs 17:14; 18:19; 15:17; 21:9; 28:4; 17:19a; 21:23; 12:18; 10:11a; 16:24; 29:8; 29:9; 26:4-5*