

# DEVARIM CHAYIM V'CHESED: WORDS OF LIFE AND KINDNESS

## Part 5: Assertive Communication and Conflict Resolution

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### SCRIPTURES CONCERNING CONFLICT RESOLUTION

(suggested by OpenBible.com)

[Matthew 18:15-17](#) "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the congregation. And if he refuses to listen even to the congregation, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

[Matthew 5:24](#) Leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

[Matthew 5:25](#) Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison.

[Proverbs 15:1](#) A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

[Ephesians 4:15-16](#) Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

[Ephesians 4:26](#) Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger,

[Ephesians 4:31-32](#) Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

[Colossians 3:13](#) Bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

[James 1:19-21](#) Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

[James 4:1-6](#) What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? ...

[Matthew 5:9](#) "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

[Matthew 7:5](#) You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

[James 5:16](#) Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

[Luke 17:3](#) Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him,

[Luke 6:27](#) "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,

[John 7:24](#) Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment."

[1 John 4:7-8](#) Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

[Proverbs 17:14](#) The beginning of strife is like letting out water, so quit before the quarrel breaks out.

[Romans 12:20](#) To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head."

[Psalm 1:1-6](#) Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; ...

[Romans 12:17-19](#) Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."

[Philippians 4:13](#) I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

[Matthew 5:23](#) So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you,

[Philippians 2:4](#) Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

[James 4:1](#) What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you?

[1 Corinthians 13:1-13](#) If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ...

[Joshua 1:8](#) This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so

that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

[Matthew 18:19-20](#) Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.

[Hebrews 12:14-15](#) Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled;

[1 John 4:20-21](#) If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

[1 Corinthians 6:1-8](#) When one of you has a grievance against another, does he dare go to law before the unrighteous instead of the saints? Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is to be judged by you, are you incompetent to try trivial cases? Do you not know that we are to judge angels? How much more, then, matters pertaining to this life! So if you have such cases, why do you lay them before those who have no standing in the church? I say this to your shame. Can it be that there is no one among you wise enough to settle a dispute between the brothers, ...

[Proverbs 27:6](#) Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse are the kisses of an enemy.

[Matthew 18:21-22](#) Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

[Proverbs 13:10](#) By insolence comes nothing but strife, but with those who take advice is wisdom.

[Proverbs 3:5-6](#) Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.