



How to Fight Right

"If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over." Matthew 18:15

1. If there is a conflict
2. You
3. Go
4. To the person in private
5. And discuss the problem
6. If they listen
7. You win a friend

1. _____ **the conflict, don't ignore it.**
"If your brother (or sister) sins against you"

What makes a relationship great is not an _____ of conflict, but the ability to resolve conflict.

2. I am _____ **to fix it**
3. **Don't _____ Go!**

Sometimes you need to cool off first.

Hot tempers start fights; a calm, cool spirit keeps the peace. Pr. 15:18 (MSG)

1. Say, *"I could be wrong."*
2. Ask, *"Why am I angry"* What's the root cause?

4. **No** _____ **Go to the person in private**
“just between the two of you”

When you bring other people in, you selfishly risk their _____ with others just so you can win.

5. _____ **the Problem.** *“show him his fault”*

Rules for Fighting Fair

- *PRAY!*
- *Remember the goal*
- *Focus on the problem not the person*
- *Don't make personal attacks / insults*
- *Emphasize how much you value the person and the friendship*
- *Be direct, don't leave them guessing*
- *Use “I” statements*
- *Clarify what was meant by what was said*
This is what I meant to say. What did you hear me say? This is what I thought you meant. Was I right?
- *Don't assume*
- *Don't withdraw*
- *Be willing to apologize*
- *Be willing to forgive*

6. **You can't** _____ **the response.**
“If he listens to you...”

7. **If they listen, you win a friend**