

## Six Questions to Ask Before Bringing Up a Sticky Situation!

### 1. Do I have the facts right? Prov. 18:13.

- a. Foolish to deal with problem without facts.
- b. May need to ask for the facts.
- c. Help me. Perhaps I'm missing something.

### 2. Should love hide it? 1 Pet. 4:8.

-How can you know when love should hide a problem and you should not bring it up?

- a. Is it sinful?
  - 1) Is it just a preference of yours or has God's Word been violated?
  - 2) If harmony and testimony of body of Christ not being harmed may allow Lord to continue to work on the person.
  - 3) Prov. 15:31
- b. Is it hindering growth?
  - If other person is still growing or situation not deteriorating rapidly may allow Lord to continue to work on him/her.
- c. Do you have responsibility or involvement?
  - 1) You can't deal with everybody's problems.
  - 2) You are not responsible for everybody's problems.

### 3. Is my timing right? Prov. 15:23b.

- a. A word spoken in right time is good and delightful.
- b. Learn some good defusing statements for difficult, sticky problems.

### 4. Is my attitude right? Eph. 4:15.

- a. What is my goal in bringing it up?
- b. Am I trying to help the other person, or am I just trying to get even?
- c. Have I dealt with my own past sins?
- d. Is it hindering spiritual growth?
- e. Is bringing up this issue for God's glory?

### 5. Are my words loving? Eph. 4:15.

- Constructive, solution oriented?

### 6. Have I prayed for God's help? Prov. 3:5.

- Don't lean on your own wisdom.